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Pakistani killed on Kashmir border

LAHORE, Feb 5. (Agencies): Indian border guards shot dead a Pakistani demonstrator today and wounded 13 people after the man ran across a ceasefire line to protest at Indian actions in Kashmir, Pakistani officials said.

The man crossed the control line dividing Kashmir, tore down an Indian flag and attacked an Indian guard with a stick, the deputy commissioner of Sialkot told reporters.

The unidentified man is the first to be killed on the heavily-guarded control line since widespread Muslim discontent in Indian Kashmir erupted into violence last month.

It appeared set to raise the stakes in a simmering crisis between India and Pakistan that diplomats fear could lead to a third war between them over Kashmir.

Pakistan army chief General Mirza Aslam Beg told troops in Pakistan's Azad Kashmir

today, that Indian warnings over Pakistan's alleged role in the uprising had created an ominous political situation.

"Such threats have to be taken seriously and we will have to be fully prepared and vigilant to safeguard the frontiers of the motherland," the official news agency APP reported.

Today's shooting happened near the small border town Sohailgarh at the southern end

of the 1,400 km (870 miles) ceasefire line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Early reports said a band of protesters from the town marched to the ceasefire line as part of a national strike in solidarity with "freedom-fighters" in Indian-held Kashmir.

As they approached the line chanting "Down with India" and "Indian imperialists," one man dashed across and attacked an

Indian soldier.

Other soldiers of the Border Security Force opened fire, killing the man and wounding 13 others on the Pakistani side, the deputy commissioner said.

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Sharjah crown prince sacked

SHARJAH, Feb 5. (AP): The ruler of Sharjah has removed his elder brother as crown prince and deputy ruler, 21-2 years after the brother attempted a coup against him.

A decree read by the Sharjah state television last night said Sharjah ruler Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi issued a royal decree abolishing the decree issued June 17, 1987 which appointed Sheikh Abdul-Aziz as crown prince and deputy ruler of the emirate.

The decree, also distributed today in the local newspaper Al Khaleej, said the decision was made "to crown the blessed efforts of the elder brother (President) Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan."

The decree, which did not name a new crown prince, added that the decision was made "to end estrangement and serve the general interests." It did not elaborate.

Sheikh Zayed is the ruler of Abu Dhabi and the President of the United Arab Emirates which groups Abu Dhabi with Sharjah and five other emirates—Dubai, Ajman, Fujairah, Umm Al Quwain and Ras Al Khaimah.

The 1987 decree appointing Sheikh Abdul-Aziz as crown prince and deputy ruler came after his effort to topple his brother were aborted, and was a compromise to end a two-week crisis which had threatened the entire federation.

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz had seized power in a palace coup while his younger brother the ruler was abroad on a visit to England.



Shio Reichman weeps upon hearing that his father was killed and his mother wounded during the bus attack in Egypt. (Reuter wirephoto)



Shamir (right) and Peres bow their heads in memory of the killed in the bus attack. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aoun breaks through Geagea in a tight corner

LF in retreat

BEIRUT, Feb 5. (Agencies): Rebel Gen. Michel Aoun's tanked forces smashed into a Beirut stronghold of the rival Lebanese forces militia today, tightening the noose around Christian warlord Samir Geagea's seaside headquarters after a week of war.

Police said Aoun's tanks punched with blazing cannons to within 300 yards (metres) of the militia's sprawling Kassardjian base in the working class district of Ain Rummaneh in Christian East Beirut.

Police said Aoun has regrouped his armour on the northern and northeastern flanks of Beirut's Christian sector for a make-or-break assault.

Thunderous blasts echoed across the city as police said die-hard militiamen crouching in narrow alleys fired armour-piercing rockets to try to blunt the armoured assault while fighters on rooftops hurled grenades.

Geagea has vowed that his militia, with 6,000 hardcore fighters and 30,000 reservists, will "resist unto death ... to end the dictator's reign of terror" in the Christian enclave north of the capital.

Witnesses in hills above the Christian sector, reached by telephone from Cyprus, said fighting was raging inside smoke-shrouded Ain Rummaneh south of the Karantina quarter where Geagea has his command post.

Aoun's paratroopers secured the key coastal town of Dbayeh, five miles (eight kms) north of Beirut today, the day after they seized it in fierce hand-to-hand combat.

The Lebanese Forces conceded that its 80-man Dbayeh garrison, outnumbered and outgunned, had been overrun and made a "tactical retreat."

Police said 59 soldiers and militiamen were killed, including nine of Aoun's officers, in Dbayeh, with another 70 wounded.

Police said at least 277 people have been killed and 1,037 wounded.

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Forgo grip on power: Gorby

MOSCOW, Feb 5. (Reuter): President Mikhail Gorbachev asked the ruling Communist Party today to abandon its guaranteed monopoly on power and predicted an era with other political parties flourishing in the Soviet Union.

His remarks signalled an unprecedented upheaval for the 20-million-strong party, sole ruler of the Soviet Union since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Gorbachev offered a sweeping revamp of the party in his boldest attempt to overhaul the Soviet political system since taking the Kremlin leadership in 1985.

His blueprint for radical political change follows the fall of his reforms to get the Soviet economy moving and huge protests in Eastern Europe that have brought down old-style communist systems.

Responding to mass public calls for rapid change, Gorbachev told a key Communist Party meeting that growing political "pluralism" could lead to the creation of parties other than the communists.

He said the current constitutional provision maintaining the party's monopoly on power was inconsistent with reform.

The Soviet leader, quoted by the official Tass news agency, urged the party to cast off "decades of political dogma."

"This process (of political pluralism) can lead to the creation of some stage of parties," he declared, outlining ideas for a forthcoming party congress.

The United States, hailing yesterday's rally by hundreds of thousands of Soviet citizens, said today that its dream was for a multi-party system and a free economy for the Soviet Union and all people. (See Page 7)

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Iran, PFLP praise attack as heroic 'Egypt responsible' Hell and agony as 9 Israelis gunned down

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 5. (Agencies): As the bodies of Israeli tourists gunned down in Egypt were brought home today, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared Egypt responsible for the safety of visiting Israelis.

Shamir demanded that Egypt find the gunmen who attacked the bus about 37 miles (60 km) east of Cairo, bring them to trial and punish them "with the full weight of the law." Nine Israelis were killed by the gunmen, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Earlier today, Israeli officials reported 10 Israelis had died.

"We see Egypt responsible for the safety and security of the Israeli citizens visiting Egypt," Shamir said.

In a telephone conversation Sunday evening with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Shamir said violence must be stopped before peace can be achieved.

"We must not allow crazy terrorists to torpedo the peace process," Shamir told Mubarak when the Egyptian President called to express condolences. Shamir also said peace efforts must continue despite the slaying.

A group claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad in Amman and the previously unknown "the Oppressed Egyptian," in Egypt took responsibility for the attack. The Islamic Jihad statement said the group wanted "to hit the peace process in the region."

Egyptian investigators said they found beside a road in the Nile River delta the white Peugeot station wagon used in Sunday's attack. They said they had clues to the attackers.

One survivor likened Sunday's attack to "hell." Twenty Israelis and an Egyptian remained under treatment for bullet and shrapnel wounds and burns after one seriously injured Israeli died.

The bus carried a total of 33 people — 31 Israeli tourists, an Egyptian tourist guide and the driver, also an Egyptian.

Israeli embassy spokeswoman Dorit Shavit told the Associated Press at mid-morning today that nine Israelis died, 20 were injured and two escaped unharmed.

Egyptian officials and newspapers said the Egyptian tourist guide, Wadie Sorial, 27, was injured but the driver was not.

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"It is not acceptable that Israelis will be repeated targets for killers exploiting the grounds of Egypt for carrying out their low and murderous deeds," Shamir told the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.



DAY BY DAY

ON national issues, when one is convinced of a particular stance, this conviction should be "the guide" that the individual should not place one foot in one direction and the other in another.

He is the biggest hypocrite who waits for one group to defeat the other and then applaud the victorious.

We, thus reiterate that there is no alternative to the consultative system of ruling. As this is stated by every individual in our small country, it is vital that there is clear vision and all contribute in a cordial manner to the betterment of the country.

Being convinced of the issue, we should state our opinions in all candour.

Zahed Matar

Broad-based govt in East Germany

EAST BERLIN, Feb 5. (Reuter): East Germany's Parliament agreed today to include eight opposition figures in a new government in which communists are in the minority for the first time in 40 years.

In a televised vote the Parliament, or Volkskammer, voted to approve Prime Minister Hans Modrow's broader-based government of "national responsibility".

The eight new cabinet members are ministers without portfolio and join the existing 26-strong administration.

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Aquino backs return of death penalty

MANILA, Feb 5. (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino, angered by the rape and violent murder of two children, says she wants the death penalty reinstated, four years after her government abolished it.

Aquino urged swift passage of a law reviving capital punishment for heinous crimes after attending a service for Nikki Ann Noblezza, nine, and her sister, Angeli Ann, seven, who were raped and bashed to death by a drug addict on January 26.

"We cannot afford another tragedy like this," Aquino said after viewing the bodies yesterday in the northern province of Pangasinan.

The Aquino government did away with the death penalty when it rewrote the constitution in 1986, just after toppling then President Ferdinand Marcos. The abolition of the law stemmed from a national clamour for human rights following the Marcos regime's alleged widespread abuses.

Military leaders have also urged the return of the death penalty, saying tougher laws were needed to combat criminals and discourage coup attempts.

Aquino was nearly overthrown in an army revolt last December, the sixth and most serious coup attempt she has faced in her four years in office.

Lebanon's Christians feuding for long time

NICOSIA, Feb 5. (AP): The fighting between rebel Gen. Michel Aoun and Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea is one of the bloodiest feuds in the seemingly endless power struggle that has long splintered the Maronite Catholics, Lebanon's dominant Christian sect.

Police say 210 people have been killed and nearly 1,000 wounded since Tuesday amid widespread destruction.

Since the civil war began in April 1975, the Christians have sought to present a united front against the Muslims and lefists, who have been supported for much of the time by Syria, Iran and Libya.

Unlike the constantly squabbling Muslims, whose vendettas have repeatedly erupted into pitched battles in Beirut and south Lebanon, the Christians have largely been able to paper over their disputes. But they have never been able to completely mask their rivalries.

The Maronites are the only Christians in the Middle East who have ever held power. But their days may now be numbered as they fight among themselves, ringed by hostile Syrian-backed forces in an enclave north of Beirut.

Although Maronites have dominated the army, government, parliament and judiciary since independence from France in 1943, the military has

largely stayed out of the civil war. It did not seriously get embroiled in the bloodshed until last year, when Aoun, the army commander, ordered his troops into action against the Syrians as well as sporadic clashes with Geagea's powerful Lebanese forces, the Christians' main militia.

Aoun considers himself the only legitimate authority in Lebanon after ousting President Amin Gemayel appointed him interim prime minister in September 1983 — even though a new president, Elias Hirawi, was elected last November.

The power struggle in the Christian camp has centred on the three key Maronite dynasties, the

Gemayels, Chamouns and Franjeches. Each had their own private armies and controlled lucrative rackets and political influence in Parliament. Each of the families produced presidents.

The rivalry between these clans has claimed hundreds of lives in the last decade and a half. Like the unending internal conflicts in the Muslim camp, the violence underlines the fragility of the concept of nationalism to which all the factions have traditionally allowed allegiance.

The right-wing Phalangists of the late Sheik Pierre Gemayel first clashed in earnest with the Tigers militia of former President Camille

Chamoun in February 1976, 10 months after the civil war broke out.

That confrontation was quickly suppressed, but the seeds of future bloodshed were planted.

As the civil war dragged on, the Gemayels moved to seize control of the Maronite camp. Gemayel's charismatic youngest son, Bashir, emerged as their military leader and in 1978 he began to eliminate his rivals.

His first target was the Franjeches, who controlled a freedom in north Lebanon with its capital in the mountain town of Zgharta.

The Franjeches were blocking Phalangist efforts

to muscle in on their rackets in the north and were aligning themselves with the Syrians. Scores of militiamen were killed in shootouts.

On June 13, Bashir sent a 100-man force to attack former President Suliman Franjech's residence at Ehden, 65 miles (105 kilometers) north of Beirut.

The pre-dawn assault was led by a young former medical student and policeman's son who had impressed Bashir with his ruthlessness. His name: Samir Geagea.

The Phalangists slaughtered Franjech's oldest son Tony, his wife Vera, their three-year-old daughter Jana and 30 bodyguards.

Aoun tightens noose

Geagea HQ under tank attack

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control of the Christian enclave, where an estimated 1 million people live.

Aoun's forces, who already hold the highway linking Karantina to Lebanese Forces bases in the northern ports of Jounieh and Byblos, are now able to interdict Geagea's maritime supply line.

"By taking Dbya, a major Lebanese Forces armour base, the general has destroyed the militia's rear lines before turning for a frontal assault," on Karantina, Beirut's independent An Nahar daily said.

Its publisher, Ghassan Tucini, denounced Aoun and Geagea in a front-page editorial as "madmen dancing around the fire... to build a republic of graves."

Shells hit hospitals, schools, and churches today and set fuel tanks, power plants, factories and apartment buildings on fire.

These are burning out of control. The civil defence department said fire brigades have no water to fight the fires because all Beirut's pumping stations have been knocked out.

Several hospitals, where victims are being treated in crowded corridors, warned they would not be able to function for more than two or three days because water, blood, plasma and oxygen supplies are virtually exhausted.

The shellfire slackened in some districts at dawn, allowing tens of thousands of civilians to venture out from basements and under-



Two Muslim men clear street in west Beirut of concrete blocks that littered the narrow alley after several shells hit the area. (Reuter wirephoto)

ground bomb shelters in some areas for the first time in six days.

"I'm stunned," said Youseff Khazen, 35, whose electrical tools store in the East Beirut residential district of Ashrafieh was gutted.

He said his government will not intervene to stop the fighting by force "unless people of the area appeal for such a move."

"We don't want to see more killing in Lebanon," Djerjian said in a statement in Damascus, Syria's capital. "The Hirawi

Associated Press by telephone.

presidency offers Lebanon this possibility. Aoun offers disunity."

Hirawi's veteran Prime Minister, Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim respected by many Christians, told the Christian sector in a radio address: "My heart is bleeding for the unimaginable plight you are suffering at the hands of executioners disgracing the human race."

Authorities immediately tightened up security in Cairo's southern suburb of Maadi, where many Israeli diplomats live. Police threw up barricades and checked cars in the suburb, where Egyptian gunmen attacked Israeli diplomats in 1984 and 1985.

A statement issued by Mubarak

said the attack was "directed primarily" against current US-led Middle East peace efforts. He denounced it as "a monstrous aggression."

Another statement from Egypt's Interior Ministry said two gunmen who raked bus passengers with automatic fire and hand grenades "spoke in a non-Egyptian accent," suggesting that they were either Palestinians or from other Arab countries.

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A state of alert was also declared in Egypt's sea and air ports to prevent the gunmen from fleeing outside the country.

Egyptian police today questioned the Palestinian driver of the Israeli tourist bus attacked by masked gunmen, security sources said.

They said police were investigating possible collusion between the driver, of the bus and the driver of the white Peugeot 505 used to ambush it on Sunday.

The sources said both men were Palestinians from the Rafah area, straddling the border with the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

The sources told Reuters that security forces were still hunting the Peugeot driver and two other men, a Syrian and a Palestinian with Jordanian nationality.

The bus driver was from the Egyptian side of the border and had taken Egyptian nationality 10 years ago, the sources said.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said the bus driver was taken to the scene of the attack along with the abandoned Peugeot in an attempt to reconstruct the ambush.

Police released three men held today for six hours on suspicion of involvement in the attack, security sources said.

They said Saudi passports carried by the men, first believed to be foreigners, had been found to be genuine.

A consular official from the Saudi Arabian embassy had intervened and the men were released after six hours in detention, the sources said.

The radio of a radical Palestinian group said today the militant Islamic Jihad movement carried out the attack on a bus in Egypt.

Operated by the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), the Al Quds (Jerusalem) radio said: "The Islamic Jihad movement — Beit Al Maqdis — presents this small operation to the chaotic souls of the martyrs of the intifada (uprising) in Palestine."

Islamic Jihad also claimed responsibility in a handwritten statement to an international news agency in the

Scientists to scan space for alien life

PASADENA, California, Feb 5, (AP): The search for intelligent life in space soon will expand to the entire universe when Argentina gets a high-tech radio receiver to listen for signals from the regions of space visible from the Southern hemisphere.

"There are so many stars like the sun that it's impossible to think the sun is the only one that has life on an orbiting planet," said Raul Colom, director of Argentina's Institute of Radioastronomy.

The Planetary Society — a Pasadena-based nonprofit group that advocates space exploration — raised \$150,000 from its 125,000 members in 70 nations to pay for the sophisticated radio signal analyzer, named Megachannel Extraterrestrial Assay II.

The size of two large refrigerators, Meta II will be flown to Colom's institute in two to three weeks, said Thomas McDonough, co-ordinator of the planetary society's part of the world-wide search for extraterrestrial intelligence programme, known as Seti.

Two Argentine engineers have been building the device at the Harvard-Smithsonian Oak Ridge Observatory in Harvard, Massachusetts, West of Boston.

Since 1985, the planetary society's identical Meta receiver at Oak Ridge has scanned the space visible from the Northern hemisphere seeking a radio signal from an alien civilisation.

Steven Spielberg, director of the film "ET, The Extra-Terrestrial," donated \$100,000 for the first Meta project, which is the world's most powerful operating Seti system.

Research

Such research began in 1960. Since then astronomers have conducted more than 50 separate but mostly limited searches for any radio waves that may have been intentionally beamed into space by intelligent extraterrestrials.

Scientists would know they discovered an alien civilisation if they found an ultranarrow frequency signal, which the laws of physics say couldn't come from any natural phenomenon or earthly source, McDonough said.

Almost all previous searches listened to Northern hemisphere space, with only brief, partial scans of the Southern hemisphere from Australia and Colom's institute, in a park 30 miles (48 kilometres) southeast of Buenos Aires. The centre of our Milky Way Galaxy is visible only from the Southern hemisphere.

Tests of Meta II will start in June after the 8.4 million-channel receiver is hooked to one of the Argentine institute's two dish-shaped, 98-foot-wide (30-metre-wide) radio-telescope antennas.

By its dedication on Oct 12 — the holiday commemorating Christopher Columbus' discovery of the new world in 1492 — the device will spend at least 12 hours daily for three or more years listening for signs that humanity is not alone.

With both Meta receivers working, the planetary society will be conducting "the first systematic search of the universe as a whole for signals from another civilisation," McDonough said. "This could be the system that makes the first contact with another civilisation."

Colomb said discovery of intelligent aliens "will change everything in the world."

"Man has always asked who we are and where we are going, and this part of the answer," said Colom.

Lung-assist transplantee critical

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb 6, (UPI): The first recipient of an experimental device designed to give a person dying lung disease time to heal was in critical condition, the doctors said.

The patient, reportedly a 16-year-old girl with less than a 10 per cent chance of living with normal treatment, remained in critical condition late yesterday, a spokesman at LDS Hospital said.

Nursing supervisor Richard Smith said the device — which performs the lung's function of exchanging gases in blood and is called an intravascular oxygenator, or IVOX — was inserted in a vein in the unidentified patient's groin and threaded into the vein supplying her heart in a two-hour

operation Friday afternoon.

Doctors stressed that the temporary implant is not a replacement for the lungs, but only a device that surgeons hope will give damaged or diseased lungs time to heal.

"Calling it an artificial lung is like saying glasses are an artificial eye," said Dr Terry Clemmer, the hospital's chief of critical care.

The hospital, abiding by a request by the family, declined to identify the patient, but a source who asked not to be identified said the patient is a 16-year-old girl.

Doctors warned that it will take several months to evaluate the importance or success of the device.

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Confidence: partly genetic, partly experience

STOCKHOLM, Feb 5, (AP): Some people are born with the belief that they are masters of their own lives. Others feel they are at the mercy of fate.

New research shows that part of those feelings are in the genes.

Psychologists have long known that people confident in their ability to control their destinies are more likely to adjust well to growing old than those who feel that they drift on the currents

of fate.

Two researchers who questioned hundreds of Swedish twins report that such confidence, or lack of it, is partly genetic and partly drawn from experience.

They also found that the belief in blind luck — a conviction that coincidence plays a big role in life — is something learned in life and has nothing to do with heredity.

The research was conducted at the

Karolinska Institute — better known as the body that annually awards the Nobel prize for medicine — by Nancy Pedersen of the institute and Margaret Gatz, a professor of psychology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Their results were recently published in the United States in the Journal of Gerontology.

The belief in your ability to control your life direction, or the belief in your own competence, is 30 per cent some-

thing you are born with," said Gatz, interviewed during a consultation visit to Sweden.

People who are confident of their ability to control their lives have an "internal locus of control," and have a better chance of being well adjusted in their old age, said Pedersen.

An "external locus of control," believing that outside forces determine the course of life, has been linked to depression in later years, she said.

"This is one of the windows on the aging process," said Pedersen, who has published a series of studies on the genetics of personality traits based on interviews with twins. The study on life-control involved 554 pairs of twins.

"We are trying to understand what makes people different. What makes some people age gracefully and others have a more difficult time?" she said.

"Whether people feel independent is

an important standard for service institutions and how they treat the elderly," she said.

The study showed that while people have an inborn predilection toward independence and self-confidence, about 70 per cent of this personality trait is affected by a person's environment and lifetime experiences.

Pedersen's study, with various collaborators, probe the aging process by comparing sets of twins.



Valley submerged

Flood waters cover a road in the Hunter Valley north of Sydney after cyclone Nancy lashed the east coast of Australia on Feb 4 causing widespread damage and road closures. The cyclone has claimed three dead and two others were missing and feared dead. (Reuters wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

PORTLAND, Oregon: Many toddlers who are slow to speak fail to outrun the problem by the time they reach age 3, suggesting treatment should be considered to expand their vocabulary, a scientist says.

"Traditional wisdom has counseled a wait-and-see attitude for 2-year-olds with delayed language development," said Rhea Paul, an associate professor of speech and hearing sciences at Portland State University.

But while some such toddlers improve spontaneously, many who show early signs of trouble expressing themselves may experience "long-term difficulty in language and school achievement," she said.

Paul's study involved 42 toddlers with language considered normal, and 36 considered "language delayed," producing fewer than 10 intelligible words at 18 to 23 months, or fewer than 50 words or no two-word combinations by 24 to 34 months. Of the 2-year-olds who were "language delayed," 41 per cent could not express themselves as well as they should have by age 3, Paul found. And more than half of the 3-year-olds showed delays in their ability to understand. (AP)

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts: Actor Kevin Costner and actress Glenn Close have been chosen as the man and woman of the year by the Hasty Pudding Theatricals of Harvard, which annually honours impressive entertainers.

Close will be given a parade through Harvard Square and will be presented with the traditional "pudding pot" at the Hasty Pudding Theatre on February 13. Costner will receive a award at the premiere performance of the Hasty Pudding Theatricals' 142nd annual music production, "Seaside Expectations," on February 20.

Hasty Pudding publicity manager Rebecca Markus said Costner, star of "Field of Dreams" and "The Untouchables," was chosen for the independence and boldness he has shown in his selection of roles.

Close will be given her versatility in playing everything from a self-sacrificing heroine in "The Big Chill" to the calculating Marquise de Merteuil in "Dangerous Liaisons," Markus said.

Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate organisation, also has recognised Katherine Hepburn, Meryl Streep, Lucille Ball, Steven Spielberg, Sean Connery and Steve Martin. (AP)

JUNEAU, Alaska: Alaska should be put in its place — in the upper left-hand corner of the map of the United States, according to

Too often Alaska is shown in a small corner off the coast of California, or just left off US maps altogether, said state senator of the Republican party.

Ulmer is the sponsor of a resolution that asks the nation's newspapers, magazines and book publishers to put the state in its rightful geographic position. The Alaska House of Representatives

passed the resolution unanimously Monday and sent it to the Senate.

The resolution was expanded at the request of Congresswoman George Jackson to ask publishers not to cut off the Aleutian Islands. (AP)

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Dr Maclyn McCarty of New York, an early pioneer in genetic research, has been named the 1990 winner of the \$100,000 Wolf Prize in medicine, to be presented at the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, in May.

McCarty, 78, who returned from the faculty of New York's Rockefeller University in 1981, was chosen for his work on DNA and genetics in the mid 1940s with Colin MacLeod and Edward Avery at the Rockefeller Institute. He is the only survivor of the three scientists.

Their work, the foundation said, "opened the way to the great discoveries of the 20th century in molecular biology, culminated by the unravelling of the genetic code."

The award was established in 1975 by the late Ricardo Wolf to promote science and art for the benefit of mankind. Wolf was a German-born inventor and philanthropist who emigrated to Cuba, which named him ambassador to Israel. He died here in 1981. (AP)

NEW YORK: Actress Lynn Redgrave helped raise funds for a hurricane-damaged arts festival in historic Charleston, South Carolina.

Redgrave was host of a benefit Monday at Lincoln Center, which raised about \$350,000 for the South Carolina festival of the arts. Festival-related buildings and equipment in

Charleston suffered an estimated \$4 million in damage when Hurricane Hugo raged through the area in September.

Choreographer Jerome Robbins,

'All the President's children'

'Life's not easy'

WASHINGTON, Feb 5, (AP): Life has not been easy for the children of US presidents.

That's the conclusion of an unusual study commissioned by one of President George Bush's offspring shortly after his father won the 1985 election.

Douglas Wead, now a White House aide, reviewed the lives of presidential offspring from John Adams to Ronald Reagan and produced a 44-page treatise on "all the president's children." His conclusion: History "should be a sobering warning..."

The weekly magazine US News and World Report published excerpts of Wead's report in its Feb 12 edition as part of a story looking at how the five Bush children are faring under the spotlight.

Wead "found a consistent pattern of trouble for the sons and daughters of presidents," the magazine reported. "There were higher-than-average rates of divorce, alcoholism and accidental death; a wide variety of scandals over real or perceived conflicts of interest, and constant frustration over lack of independence."

Wead was asked to undertake the study by Bush's eldest son, George Walker Bush, 43, who last year became managing partner of the Texas Rangers Baseball team. He ruled out a run for Governor of Texas this year.

They were successful if they didn't sit on the table," said Paul Taylor, a transplant co-ordinator who worked with Starzl at the University of Colorado.

The Bushes learned of those early efforts from an article in a medical journal. Their daughter had been born with biliary atresia, a blockage of the bile ducts, and time quickly was running out. Family doctors advised against the risky, experimental procedure. Relatives said they'd be killing the child.

Undaunted, the Bushes persuaded their doctors to send Kim to the University of Colorado, which had a record number of inmates by mid-1988, more than twice number held in those jails a decade earlier, the bureau of justice statistics reported Sunday.

The bureau, a component of the Justice Department's office of justice programmes, said in a new study that 9.7 million people were admitted to local jails between June 30, 1986 and June 30, 1988.

But 9.6 million people were released during the same period, with some of those people being admitted and released several times during the year. The total inmate population on June 30, 1988, was 243,569 on June 30, 1988, about double the number on June 30, 1978, the bureau said.

By the time Kim received the liver and gall bladder of a 7-year-old boy killed in a car accident on Jan 22, 1970, only four of the 32 previous transplant patients were alive.

By mid-1975, all four were dead.

Kim lived on, though, followed by more and more survivors. Twenty-eight of the 170 patients who underwent transplants by Starzl through February 1980 still are alive.

The real breakthrough came in 1980, when Starzl began testing the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine on liver transplant patients.

One-year survival rates soared, eventually settling at today's 70 per cent to 80 per cent.

Cyclosporine, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for general use in 1985, now is being surpassed by an even stronger drug. Known as FK-506, the Japanese drug is believed 50 to 100 times more powerful than cyclosporine. Starzl has conducted the US clinical trials since February 1989.

Doctors hesitate to change Kim's medication.

Young to announce candidacy

'I don't want a run off'

ATLANTA, Feb 5, (AP): Former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young plans to announce his candidacy for governor of Georgia tonight, and he hopes to win the nomination outright in the primary.

"My campaign folk get upset when I say this, but I don't want a runoff," Young told a meeting of the Southside public officials last week, when he revealed his plans to make a formal announcement.

Young, who is trying to become the state's first black governor, shares the lead with four-term Lt. Gov. Zell Miller in some Democratic polls. The race also includes state Sen. Roy E. Barnes and state Rep. Lauren W. McDonald Jr., who is backed by powerful House Speaker Tom Murphy and former Gov. Lester Maddox.

Transplant survivor celebrates 'versary'

PITTSBURGH, Feb 5, (AP): It's been 20 years since transplant surgeon gave a little boy's liver to Kim Hudson, unsure how long the 3 1/2 year-old girl would last beyond the operation, indeed whether she would last at all.

Kim Hudson is now Kim Rossman, wife of a US air force officer.

Being the world's longest-surviving recipient of a liver transplant is a distinction she's just as

soon forged.

"I don't like to talk about it,"

she said. "I hate hospitals, I do not like doctors that well — I associate them with transplants. It's all scary. I shake when I go in to get my blood work. They thought I was going to pass out a couple months ago. I hate it, and it doesn't get any better."

Kim fears her luck will run out if she brags about her Jan 22, 1970,

transplant and how well she has done. Thoughts of the transplant — and the ever-present risks — follow her everywhere.

"I think about my health all the time. I pray every day I stay healthy, I pray that it all keeps working."

Even Dr Thomas E. Starzl, who performed the transplant at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Centre, can't explain Kim's uninterrupted good health for practically all the time since we did her."

"You could call it providential if you were inclined that way," said Starzl, who is now at the University of Pittsburgh.

Starzl performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963, as well as the 31 other liver transplants in Denver that preceded Kim's. Only a handful of medical centres were transplanting livers at the time.

During that first decade, children had a 30 per cent to 35 per cent chance of living one year beyond surgery. For adults, it was 10 per cent.

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Reagan keeping in shape at 79

LOS ANGELES, Feb 5, (AP): Former US President Ronald Reagan says he's keeping in shape by pumping iron daily and trimming trees with a chain saw.

Reagan remains busy on the speaking circuit, delivering speeches on conservative issues. He has embraced an active retirement, saying he loves his return to California.

The ex-president, who's 79 tomorrow, discussed his personal life last week in an interview with the Associated Press. Reagan pointed to the Pacific Ocean and Channel Islands visible from his 34th-floor office in the Century City section.

"I've always said that a Californian who is forced to live away from California lives in a state of perpetual homesickness," he said, adding, "it isn't a place, it's a way of life."

Reagan said he was sceptical about whether the cold war has ended, and was hopeful Americans in Lebanon would be freed.

Age hasn't diminished Reagan's love of a self-deprecating joke.

"I prefer to think of it as the 40th anniversary of my 39th birthday," Reagan quipped.

He attributed his health to daily weight lifting in his basement gym and trimming trees during monthly trips to his Santa Barbara County ranch.

He's been swinging axes, gripping chain saws, "and even pole saws," on the majestic oaks surrounding his mountain-top retreat at 120 miles (200 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles.

"Now you can sit there on the patio and look up there at a grove of trees visible from the house and you're not only seeing those gnarled trunks but you're seeing the dappled sunlight in there, and the sky through the trees," he said.

Since a brain surgery last year after he was thrown from a horse in Mexico, Reagan's hair has grown back—still black but with a more pronounced touch of gray. He's also riding again.

"Nothing is so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse," he said.

House-hunting

The former president said he and wife, Nancy, now own a \$2.5-million home in the Bel-Air community. It was originally purchased by friends for the couple's return to California.

Like some of his exploits that drew the wrath of Congress, the house-hunting expedition was a covert mission.

"If I went any place the press would have been in attendance and we didn't want that publicity at the time," he said.

He said Mrs Reagan persuaded him to speak up to the house.

"She said if I was willing to get down on the floor of the car and go there the press would be following or any photographers or anything, so I did. I didn't get up until we were in the driveway," Reagan said.

Although his "outlook about California is sunny," Reagan's view about prospects for a cold war is somewhat darker. He lauded Time magazine's choice of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as "Man of the Decade," but said there is danger when foreign policy depends on the success of one man.

If Gorbachev prevails in his reforms, an era of better relations between East and West might be in sight.

"I think we see something on the horizon, but we also have to remember this is the world of a man who can be dismissed by the Communist Party if they see it is in their way to do it," Reagan said.

"We have to know that permanent changes have been made before we can say everything is in the clear and the cold war is over."

On the drug menace, Reagan said the war can be won this decade.

"The way it must be done is to must generate the programmes in which the people, the customers turn away from the drugs, not us turning the drugs away from the customers," he said.

A major headache during Reagan's administration was the capture of an American in Lebanon, he said. Held longest of the eight Americans is Terry A. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, who was abducted March 16, 1985.

Reagan is optimistic the hostages would eventually be freed.

"I have lived with that kind of hope," he said. "I think the obligation of the entire country is to come to the rescue of any American who in any part of the world is being denied the constitutional rights this country guarantees its people."

He declined to discuss aspects of the Iran-Contra scandal, citing pending litigation in the case involving secret arms sales to Iran and subsequent profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

Attorneys for his former national security adviser, John Poindexter, are seeking Reagan's personal damages in the case, a move the former president has resisted.

Free Mandela soon or risk backlash: Tutu

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Feb 5. (Reuters): South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday the Pretoria government must release Nelson Mandela soon or risk a backlash in world opinion softened by promises of liberalised policies towards the black majority.

Tutu told a news conference after a meeting of Harvard University board of which he is a member that he wished the jailed black nationalist leader could be freed immediately but that a few weeks' delay would be acceptable.

"If he is not released within weeks of this particular announcement then the world knows how to react," Tutu said.

South African President FW de Klerk, in a sweeping speech on Friday, promised to free Mandela and

ordered the lifting of a 30-year ban on the African National Congress, the nation's main opposition group of which Mandela is a founder.

Tutu, saying "we all belong to one family," declared yesterday that South Africa's blacks have no intention of imposing majority rule on its white minority if apartheid is abolished.

"People often think we're looking for black majority rule. No, no, absolutely not. A South African is a South African," Tutu told the news conference at Harvard University.

"We all belong together in one family, God's family, the human family," the Anglican archbishop of Johannesburg said. "We will be a wonderful country."

Tutu cited neighbouring Namibia and Zimbabwe

as examples of countries that have succeeded in making the difficult transition from minority to majority rule.

"Just look at the remarkable things in Namibia, where people have been given a picture of Swapo (the revolutionary South West Africa People's Organisation) as a monster, and now they have a constitution," Tutu said.

"Just look at Zimbabwe, where Ian Smith (the former prime minister under white-ruled Rhodesia) can remain in parliament and then resign on his own," the archbishop said.

Upon arriving in Boston Saturday, Tutu urged the United States and other foreign nations to continue applying economic and diplomatic pressure on South Africa until negotiations are held to

abolish apartheid, the official system of racial separation.

"Until we get Nelson Mandela released, until we get negotiations going, we can't begin to start celebrating," Tutu said.

Tutu was elected to the Harvard board of overseers last year as part of a drive to pressure the university into ridding itself of all investments in companies doing business in or with South Africa.

The board took no vote on the issue at yesterday's meeting, but Tutu said he and other anti-apartheid members of the panel will continue to press for disinvestment.

"What we wanted them to say categorically is, 'we will not invest in South African companies. We want them out,'" the archbishop said.



Tutu speaks during a press conference near the Harvard University campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. (Reuters wirephoto)



Calderon waves to supporters.

Calderon for justice

Young Costa Ricans mock vote

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb 5. (AP): President-elect Rafael Angel Calderon says he plans to focus his energies on "improving social justice" in his country when he takes office on May 8.

Calderon succeeds President Oscar Arias, who could not seek re-election for another four-year term.

Calderon, 40, backs US aid to help El Salvador fight its leftist guerrilla insurgency and visited Panama to congratulate recently installed President Guillermo Endara shortly after the US invasion that toppled Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

But focusing on Costa Rica's domestic problems may affect the dynamics of the Central American peace process, which was driven by Arias' activist foreign policy.

"I will support the peace process, but I believe the main duty of a Costa Rican president is to deal with Costa Rica's problems," Calderon said at a new conference Friday.

Calderon's campaign culminated long effort to restore the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bacteria can detoxify cancer: Scientists have isolated natural soil bacteria that can detoxify cancer-causing vinyl chloride and related pollutants. "Our work should lead to practical biological methods for cleansing the environment of these toxic chemicals in the near future," said Charles Castro, a chemist at the University of California, Riverside.

Vinyl chloride, which is the US Environmental Protection Agency's says causes cancer, is used for making polyvinyl chloride pipes and insulation. PVC, which isn't considered carcinogenic, also is used in floor tiles and upholstery. (AP)

High-flying space acrobatics: Soviet cosmonauts left the Mir orbital station on Monday for high-flying acrobatics on a space motorcycle designed to rescue spacemen in distress and repair satellites.

Cosmonauts Alexander Viktorenko and Alexander Serebrov, who have been aboard the Mir complex for nearly five months, emerged from Mir for a second test of the motorcycle, officially known as the Cosmonaut Movement System, the official news agency Tass said.

The space motorcycle, which more closely resembles a floating armchair, was ridden for the first time last Thursday by Serebrov, the mission's flight engineer, who piloted the device about 33 metres (yards) from the giant Mir space station. (AP)

Holocaust memorial: Thousands of Jews, most elderly and some bearing concentration-camp numbers inscribed on their wrists, gathered Sunday at a holocaust memorial in Miami Beach, Florida.

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dedicated to what Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel called "suffering that transcended suffering."

The disturbing, moving mural, designed by a 42-foot (13-metre)-tall bronze hand with sculptured suffering figures climbing it, is for a tragedy "beyond words and beyond imagination, but not beyond memory," said Wiesel, a holocaust survivor, author and professor honoured with the Nobel Peace prize in 1986.

"Not to remember means to betray them all," he said. "Not to remember means to kill the victim a second time. Not to remember means to become an accomplice of the enemy." (AP)

Mayor, journalist killed: The mayor of a small town and the owner of a radio station were killed on Saturday, bringing to 16 the number of Colombians killed in two days of leftist and drug-related violence, authorities said on Sunday in Bogota.

Pedro Jesus Hernandez Carrillo, 36, mayor of Arboletes in north Santander state, about 200 miles (325 km) northeast of Bogota, was killed by a group of gunmen after opening a lunch room for schoolchildren, the governor of the state, Eduardo Assaf, said in a radio interview.

Cuba calls UN session: The Cuban Ambassador, current president of the UN Security Council, has called an informal session of the council for Monday to discuss the US attack on a Cuban-chartered cargo ship off the coast of Mexico.

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Ortega urges US to normalise ties

Nicaragua seeks talks with Washington to end state of hostility

MANAGUA, Feb 5. (UPI): President Daniel Ortega invited the US government to start talks aimed at normalising strained bilateral relations between the two nations, the local media reported yesterday.

"I invite the government of the United States to initiate serious and profound dialogue to normalise relations between our two nations," Ortega said Saturday at a campaign rally in the city of Diriamba, 28 miles (45 km) south of the capital.

At the same time Ortega asked the US government "to put an end to its

policy of death against Nicaragua," the official daily *Barricada* reported.

The Bush administration should prove to the international community that "superpowers like the United States have learned to respect small nations like Nicaragua that have earned the right to be respected," Ortega was quoted as saying.

Ortega, apparently confident he will handily win re-election Feb 25, in recent days has been unusually conciliatory toward Washington in public statements.

He recently suggested that if

Washington could have peaceful relations with the Soviet Union it could have peaceful relations with Nicaragua, with which it shares more common interests by being in the same hemisphere.

Ortega's apparent olive branch comes as Nicaragua is increasingly isolated from its former eastern allies and as the Soviet Union, despite assurances that it will contribute to provide economic support, is increasingly preoccupied with problems closer to home.

In a year in which fighting in the

Contra war has waned, Ortega's government was able to slow inflation somewhat from the mind-boggling 33,000 per cent, the economy shrank by 3 per cent, as measured by its Gross Domestic Product, and more than 35 per cent of Nicaraguans are either unemployed or underemployed.

Nicaraguan officials insist that the country's economic problems are due primarily to a US economic blockade imposed in 1985 and the cost of the war against the US-backed Contras.

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Pretoria will keep schools segregated

Mandela rejects terms for release

CAPE TOWN, Feb 5. (Reuters): The South African government plans big improvements in education for blacks, using defence funds saved by Namibian independence, but will not scrap segregated schooling, Education Minister Stoof van Der Merwe said today.

Van der Merwe, the white minister responsible for black education, told a news conference that cultural differences between blacks and whites made separate schools essential.

"Integration... would not be very acceptable at the moment in South Africa," he said.

"As soon as money becomes available, black education will receive one of the highest priorities possible," he said.

Van der Merwe insisted, however, that separate schools for blacks and whites, administered by separate government departments, would remain the norm.

"One would probably increase the potential for conflict in the white community if eventually white education is controlled by anybody else but white people themselves," he said.

He said it might be possible to review the segregation policy if black schooling could be raised to the standard of white education.

President Frederik de Klerk's failure to lift the 4-1/2-year-old state of emergency and other "obstacles" are preventing Nelson Mandela's release from prison, said the black nationalist leader's wife.

Winnie Mandela, after a five-hour visit with the African National Congress leader at the Victor Verster prison in Paarl, said yesterday: "The obstacles still exist and it is Mr De Klerk who must remove these obstacles."

She said her husband was drafting a statement in response to De Klerk's address to Parliament Friday but refused to say when or how it would be distributed.

Winnie said ANC leader had rejected the terms for freedom announced by De Klerk.

She said he would never accept his liberty after 27 years in jail without an end to emergency rule.

"That is out of the question," Mrs Mandela told reporters.

"The lifting of the state of emergency is one of the conditions put by Mr Mandela for his release. As far as the family is concerned we are back to where we have to put pressure on for his release," Winnie Mandela told reporters outside the gates to the prison, about 50 miles (80 km) northeast of Cape Town.

Winnie Mandela said she was "extremely disappointed" that she was unable to take Mandela out of prison, although she declined to specify whether her husband was refusing to leave De Klerk announced further reforms.

De Klerk said yesterday his decision to relax curbs on opposition was risky, but necessary to avert revolution.

"We must accept the risk that goes with new initiatives," said De Klerk.

"The risk of staying in a dead-end street is far higher," De Klerk said in an Afrikaans-language television interview.

"Everything we do, we do to avoid revolution."

African National Congress (ANC) leaders, saying their struggle is far from over, have urged friendly governments to keep up pressure on South Africa "until apartheid has been buried like Nazism."

"We don't go to South Africa as tourists or visitors but as brothers and sisters going home," Jackson told them. "We have been separated for so long in the diaspora.

Africans everywhere, in Britain, the Caribbean, the United States and Africa, are members of one family with an obligation to stand together to make the world better," he said.

Jackson, who arrived in Britain on Saturday, will stop in Zambia for talks with President Kenneth Kaunda before going to South Africa on Wednesday. Jackson, barred from visa denial in the past, is making his first visit to South Africa since 1979.

Sinn Fein rallying support

Looking to pocketbook issues to oust Britons

DUBLIN, Feb 5. (AP): The Irish Republican Army's political wing is looking to pocketbook issues from unemployment to water bills to rally more support for its goal of a united Ireland.

The Sinn Fein party leadership's report to the annual convention, which ended yesterday, stressed that ending British rule in Northern Ireland took precedence over "gas and water politics."

"The priorities for Sinn Fein in the year ahead are to develop and strengthen our party organisation, to improve our publicity output and to overcome the effects of censorship," party president Gerry Adams told the convention on Saturday.

He added: "An essential part of this political offensive is active campaigning

on relevant issues which affect people in their daily lives and putting our republican analysis to their problems."

In other words, Sinn Fein will tell voters that the answer to poverty, unemployment and emigration is "Brits out."

Adams called for intensive efforts to make the same case in the Republic of Ireland.

"Gas and water politics" is nothing new for Sinn Fein, but it was highlighted instead of the criticism of the IRA heard at last year's conference.

Adams had complained that IRA killing

of innocent civilians was hurting Sinn Fein, and called on the guerrillas to be "careful and careful again."

Just a week before the convention, a 16-year-old boy was killed by debris from an

IRA bomb in Londonderry.

Instead of chastising the guerrillas again, Adams boasted that "the IRA continues to demonstrate its ability to shatter the British propagandistic myth of the invincibility of the British army and its most elite regiments."

He called on the British government to open negotiations with Sinn Fein. British officials have said there will be no talks while fighting continues.

Sinn Fein's share of the vote in Northern Ireland dropped from 13.4 per cent in 1983 to 11.3 per cent in last year's local elections. It was beaten 2-1 among Catholics by the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which favours unity only by majority consent within Northern Ireland.

In Ireland, Sinn Fein's vote is nearly

invisible — 1.2 per cent in last summer's national elections.

Sinn Fein supporters are banned from appearing on radio and television both in Ireland and Northern Ireland, and the IRA is outlawed in both jurisdictions.

Appealing to Irish unity is not an automatic vote getter among Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland.

An opinion poll conducted last month for the Belfast Telegraph and the British Broadcasting Corp. found that 60 per cent of Catholics regard unity as "acceptable" — but 53 per cent also said the status quo was acceptable.

Sinn Fein is already strongest in the areas where economic problems are most acute, in the poor Catholic neighbourhoods of west Belfast and Londonderry.

I'm given 10 years

Jailed for going to North

SEOUL, Feb 5. (AP): A woman college student nicknamed "the flower of unification" was found guilty today and sentenced to 10 years in prison for illegally visiting North Korea.

She is the first South Korean student to be sentenced for going to the North.

As the sentence was handed down, Im Su-Kyong and a Roman Catholic priest on trial with her both shouted: "Wake up judges who ignore unification."

Some 30 radical students and Catholic priests in the gallery at the Seoul district criminal court yelled "release them" and courtroom proceedings were temporarily halted until order was restored.

The Rev. Moon Gyu-Hyon, 41, who accompanied Ms. Im, 21, across the border Aug 15 was given eight years in prison. He said he went to the north to accompany her home because she is Roman Catholic and needed support.

On hearing the verdict, students at two Seoul universities held rallies demanding Ms. Im's release.

Presiding Judge Hwang Sang-hyun found the pair guilty of making an illegal visit to the communist North, of contacting, communicating and rendering voluntary support to the enemy North and of benefiting the North militarily.

He said that when the two returned to the South, the followed instructions from North Korea to continue their anti-US, anti-government struggle.

"These days war is a total war which involves politics, econ-



Im Su-Kyong being sentenced to 10 years in jail Feb 5 (Reuter wirephoto)

omics, and other help. By providing the North with information regarding South Korean dissidents and opposition and other matters, they helped the north militarily."

Ms. Im and Moon said their trips to the North last summer were in support of unification of the peninsula, divided into the communist North and capitalist

South in 1945. Judge Hwang rejected the defendant's claims as being "out of context and unjustifiable."

The Seoul government forbids unauthorized trips to North Korea as a violation of national security laws and maintains dialogue on unification must be conducted through official channels.

Europe storm death toll 30

PARIS, Feb 5. (UPI): The death toll from one of the region's most deadly storms in two decades reached at least 30 yesterday and thousands of homes remained without power a day after winds up to 104 mph (167 kph) lashed parts of Europe, damaging architectural landmarks and ripping open a jetliner's wing.

At least 23 were reported dead in France and, in adjacent West Germany, the hurricane-force winds that lashed the country for the second time in 10 days were reported to have killed seven people and injured more than 50. Police said yesterday that thousands of trees were uprooted and hundreds of roofs were torn off buildings.

The storm abated before dawn yesterday but not before it caused several million dollars in damage in West Germany alone. In East Germany, the storm caused power failures and interruptions of rail service in several areas where trees fell on the lines.

In France, civil defence authorities said the death toll, which rose when several injured people died of their wounds, made Saturday's storm one of the worst in the past 20 years.

Thirteen people died in Paris and the surrounding Ile de France region, which were hardest hit and recorded 104 mph winds.

Many victims were killed when trees crushed their cars. Others were struck by flying signs, doors, and debris from broken walls and balconies, authorities said.

The electricity utility company, Electricite de France, or EDG, said at least 40,000 customers remained without power yesterday. At the height of the storm Saturday, 2 million customers lost power, an EDG spokesman said.

One Italian was killed and three injured in a major avalanche that struck yesterday in a Swiss Alps area frequented by skiers, officials said.

But Greece recalled its opposi-

Writers praise Rushdie

Defence fails to placate British Muslims

LONDON, Feb 5. (AP): Author Salman Rushdie's detailed defence of "The Satanic Verses" is winning plaudits from fellow writers but has failed to placate British Muslims who say the novel is blasphemous.

Several writers said Rushdie's 7,000-word essay was a brilliant defense of free speech. But Muslims said it would not break the deadlock over the novel, and one reiterated that the death sentence passed on Rushdie by the late Ayatollah Khomeini remained in force.

Rushdie's essay, published in the Independent On Sunday, was his first detailed comment on the furor aroused by "The Satanic Verses."

Since Khomeini's edict forced him into hiding a year ago, Rushdie, 42, wrote of the pain of being cut off from society; the irony of being condemned by Muslims for a novel that sought to highlight their plight as immigrants in the West; and the anger he feels that the Labour Party, which he has always supported, failed to back him.

The Bombay-born Briton said his novel sought to create a literary language for "formerly colonised, still-disadvantaged peoples," those like himself who straddle different cultures — "a love-song to our mongrel selves."

"To be rejected and reviled by, so to speak, one's own characters is a shocking and painful experience for any writer," he wrote.

"I recognise that many Muslims have felt shocked and pained too. Perhaps a way forward might be found through the mutual recognition of that mutual pain. Let us attempt to believe in each other's good faith."

Shabbir Akhtar, a British Muslim, welcomed Rushdie's decision to publish the essay, calling it "thoughtful and unexpected." But he said the novel remained a "calculated attempt to vilify and slander the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)."

Writing today in the Independent, sister of the paper that published Rushdie's essay, Akhtar urged Rushdie to "engage in a dialogue" with those he has offended. He said Islam was a merciful religion, and "the magnanimity which has been denied to both parties may yet seek an occasion."

But he regretted Rushdie's insistence that a paperback edition be published, saying it would "fuel extremism in the Muslim camp. There may even be acts of political terrorism. It will be seen as a further provocation."

Rushdie's publisher, Viking Penguin, says "no firm date" has been set for issuing a paperback.

Liaqat Hussain, general secretary of the Council of Mosques in Bradford, urged Rushdie to "be brave enough to face the world for his principles."

Another British Muslim leader, Sayed Abdul Quddus, said: "The death sentence still stands on Salman Rushdie. It has been passed by Islamic law."

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The Defense Ministry said that the bazookas could be used with slight modifications to fit the shells displayed in the photographs.

However, the Nov 17 statement denied the bazookas needed to be modified and said they "worked fine and could be used for the launching of 2.36 and 3.5 inch shells which we stole from the military camp on Dec 25."

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To Muslims who accuse him of turning against the faith into which he was born, he replied: "To put it as simply as possible: I am not a Muslim. It feels bizarre, and wholly inappropriate, to be described as some sort of heretic after having lived my life as a secular, pluralist, eclectic man."

Entry delayed

EEC wants Turkish ties

BRUSSELS, Feb 5. (Reuter): European Economic Community governments agreed today to delay any negotiations with Turkey on its EEC membership request but all bar Greece said they wanted closer relations.

Community foreign ministers resolved to ask the EEC's executive commission to make concrete proposals soon for closer political and economic links between Turkey and the 12-nation bloc, an EEC spokesman said.

It is already holding up some \$600 million of EEC funds earmarked for Turkey under an existing association agreement.

A Greek spokesman said several delegations had stressed the importance of full respect for human rights in Turkey.

But Greece recalled its opposi-

Radicals stole weapons

ATHENS, Feb 5. (AP): An exclusive urban terrorist organisation claimed responsibility for stealing two bazookas from the war museum and said they did not require modification to be used, an Athens daily reported today.

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To Muslims who accuse him of turning against the faith into which he was born, he replied: "To put it as simply as possible: I am not a Muslim. It feels bizarre, and wholly inappropriate, to be described as some sort of heretic after having lived my life as a secular, pluralist, eclectic man."

Goh said: "The only way for smaller countries in the region, such as Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore, to continue to prosper in such an environment, I think, is for us to have a more united ASEAN, better bilateral relations between Malaysia and Singapore and better multilateral understanding among countries in the region — Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Burma and so on," Goh said.

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Vying for Asian leadership

China, India, Japan contenders

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5. (AP): Goh Chok Tong, expected to become Singapore's prime minister this year, says China, India and Japan will contest for leadership in Asia if superpower rapprochement leads to a diminished US presence in the region.

"If this happens, who will be the regional leader then? I think it can't be Singapore. It cannot be Malaysia either. It will be left to China, India and Japan to contest for the leadership of this region, assuming that the United States pulls out," he said in the Jan 19 interview.

Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's prime minister for three decades, has said he will retire this year and Goh, now the deputy prime minister, will replace him.

"There is this general shaking up in the world," Goh said. "There is this development in Europe,

China. "We don't think the earthquake has subsided yet. How these pieces are to be put in place, we don't know yet."

"We see a diminution of conflicts between superpowers. That does not mean that there will be no conflicts in the world. In fact, we fear that with rapprochement of the superpowers, localised conflicts may arise," Goh said.

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Philippines Army raises bounty for Gringo's head

MANILA, Feb 5, (UPI): The Philippine military raised the reward for the capture of coup leader Grigorio Honasan to five million pesos (\$227,000) amid threats that a new rebellion may be brewing, and offered bounties today on 20 additional suspects in the failed December uprising.

Honasan and some 1,000 mutineers still at large are believed responsible for the coup attempt that almost toppled the four-year government of Corazon Aquino in Decem-

ber. Police said a 300-man elite police force was being trained in case the threats proved true.

The five million pesos (\$227,000 bounty) was raised by businessmen who feared a new coup attempt would ruin the economy still reeling from the impact of the Dec 1-9 rebellion.

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backed military revolt that ousted late ruler Ferdinand Marcos.

Today, the government announced it was offering bounties on 20 additional suspects allegedly involved in the December coup attempt. Topping the list is Army Col Mariano Malajacan, a reward of 1 million pesos (\$47,000) was being offered for information leading to his capture.

In her regular radio call-in show yesterday, Aquino urged the mutineers still at large to

surrender, saying the constitution guaranteed them protection and due process.

"Step forward and face the consequences of your actions," Aquino said. "You are guaranteed protection and due process by the very constitution."

Honasan, who allegedly masterminded the December uprising, is one of 15 coup leaders who had a bounty put on their heads by the Philippine military last month.

Five on the list have been captured with the help of civilian informers who later were given their rewards.

The 41-year-old Honasan also led the bloody Aug 28, 1987, coup against Aquino, but he escaped from a prison ship in April 1988 with 14 of his security guards.

Officials said the elite police force of 300 men will join a 2,000-member military task force called "operation plan checkmate" to be activated in the event of a coup attempt.

LDP gaining ground ahead of crucial vote

Analysts predict stalemate in Diet

TOKYO, Feb 5, (Agencies): With the crucial Lower House of Parliament election two weeks away, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's ruling conservative party is gaining momentum towards retaining its 35-year uninterrupted rule of the chamber, newspaper survey showed today.

At stake in the Feb 18, election are 512 seats in the law-making House of Representatives which has been controlled by the pro-American Liberal Democratic Party since 1955.

The national daily Yomiuri Shimbun said its survey showed that about 220 LDP candidates were leading in their constituencies while

about 80 others were on the win-loss borderline.

The paper said the Japan Socialist Party, Kaifu's main political opposition, is likely to win about 120 seats, compared with 83 seats it held when the lower house was dissolved Jan 24.

A field of 953 candidates, including a record 66 women, kicked off campaigns in the nation's 130 constituencies Saturday.

The election will be the first major political test for Kaifu, who took office Aug 9 after his two predecessors stepped down over bribery and sex scandals in less than three months.

"The LDP now faces the worst crisis since its founding (in 1955)," Kaifu, 59, said as he launched the campaign for the ruling party, which fielded 325 candidates.

Despite a hard race predicted for the LDP, political analysts said the ruling party will be able to cling to power, but may need the help of conservative independents.

The LDP, which won a landslide in the previous elections held simultaneously for both the lower and upper houses in 1986, maintained an overwhelming majority of 295 seats in the lower chamber.

The party lost a majority in the Upper House for the first time since its founding in an election held last July after it was rocked by a series of shares-for-favours and sex scandals.

Japan's first sales tax introduced in April last year also was attributable to the LDP's election setback, political analysts said.

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Money talks in Japan politics

TOKYO, Feb 5, (Reuter): When it comes to politics in Japan, money talks.

Political analysts predict that more than \$2 million will be spent on each of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's 325 candidates in the campaign for lower-house elections on February 18.

And that's for starters.

Many candidates are expected to spend much more and one hopeful fighting for a seat in southern Japan is laying out three billion yen (\$21 million), according to an unconfirmed media report.

"When the LDP's said that five makes a 'win' and three makes a 'lose,'" said Japan Socialist Party spokesman Takako Doi.

She meant that a candidate spending \$60 million yen (\$5.4 million) would get elected while one who spent only 300 million yen (\$2.2 million) would not.

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Children wave Japanese flags as they join their parents in welcoming Kaifu during his campaign visit to Yokohama. (Reuter wirephoto)



Kaifu is welcomed by a stationmaster upon arrival in Yokohama. (Reuter wirephoto)

Chinese turn to Mao again

Leaders must be Marxist

BEIJING, Feb 5, (Reuter): Chinese peasants rushing to buy portraits of communist leaders have chosen the late chairman Mao as their favourite pin-up, turning a relatively cold shoulder to Beijing's current line up.

The People's Daily said today the renewed adulation of Mao Tsetung showed the unassailable supremacy of communism but did not explain why the peasants had plumped for Mao rather than current leaders.

China's official press has so far not reported on talks among Soviet leaders about signing away the Communist Party's constitutional monopoly on power.

"In China, there is no other political force that can supplant the leadership of the Socialist Party and there is no force that can split the masses from the party," said the newspaper in a front-page commentary.

It lauded the revolutionary fervour of the peasants around Huaihua in the southeastern province of Hunan who it said had been snapping up books by revolutionary luminaries and teaching Marxism and Maoism to 110 groups of primary-school pupils.

China has stepped up a propaganda campaign against Western ideas of democracy and capitalism since hardline leaders

ordered troops to crush mass protests for democracy in Beijing last June.

Leaders have warned that anyone disloyal to Marxism should be prevented from holding positions of authority and hinted at purges against those suspected of shaky communist convictions.

But the Hunan peasant farmers have been exemplary. Some had journeyed 100 km (60 miles) "over mountains and ridges" to snap up an image of the late "Great Helmsman."

A total of 80,000 portraits of revolutionary leaders have been sold in the area of Huaihua since August last year, 60,000 of which depicted Mao Tsetung.

Current leader Deng Xiaoping and Chen Yun accounted for part of the remaining 20,000 sold, shared between some of Mao's former comrades in arms, Zhou Enlai, Zhu De and Liu Shaoqi.

China's population rose by nearly 16 million last year to 1.1 billion, the China Daily reported yesterday.

Chinese authorities have closed a state publishing company for printing what they called "obscene" books, as part of a campaign to root out pornography, Chinese newspapers said.

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Japan has more jobs than it knows what to do with but foreigners unwanted

TOKYO, Feb 5, (Reuter): Welcome to Ikebukuro, a seedy district in northern Tokyo. You want a job? No problem — we need cooks, waitresses and "healthy men" to work in gaming parlours.

Wages? For a waitress more than 700 yen (\$5 an hour) and for a cook a holiday trip to Hong Kong thrown in as an extra.

The walls of Ikebukuro's bars, restaurants, pornography parlours, billiard rooms and gaming arcades are plastered with advertisements offering what is a fortune to most other Asians.

It is a vivid illustration of a Japanese problem most countries would love to have — it has more jobs than it

knows what to do with.

As the country's economic upswing enters its 39th straight month, labour shortages are worsening. Construction and manufacturing companies are desperate for workers.

The government's management and co-ordination agency on Friday said unemployment in Japan dropped to 2.3 per cent in 1989, its lowest level since 1981.

In 1988, unemployment averaged 2.5 per cent.

Japan's unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the world and there are more than 130 jobs for each 100 job applicants.

There is one easy solution to the labour shortage.

Thousands of workers throughout Asia, skilled and unskilled, would leap at the chance to work in the continent's most advanced economy for its highest wages.

Some businessmen have joined foreign countries in proposing that Japan exploit this pool through quotas agreed with other governments, admitting a fixed number of visas for a set period, like Gulf countries during the oil boom.

The government is adamantly opposed. It argues that the country's homogeneity must be protected and is apprehensive that racial tension could result from immigration as it has in Europe.

"As the world's second richest country, we have an obligation to other nations, especially our neighbours in Asia," said one government official.

Can we discharge that obligation by giving aid or do we reverse 2,000 years of history and start to become multiracial? It is a momentous decision," he said.

Under current laws, the only foreigners allowed to work in Japan are skilled, such as bankers, businesspeople or cooks who have to be sponsored by their firms here.

Unskilled workers are not allowed to enter the country legally. But economics makes a nonsense of the law, with the number of illegal foreign workers estimated at more than 150,000 employed on building sites and in factories, workshops, restaurants and farms.

Romania to allow political parties

BUCHAREST, Feb 5, (Reuter): Romania's new rulers, accused of bullying political opponents since the overthrow of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, plan to establish a multi-party democracy with a strong opposition. Deputy Prime Minister Mihai Dragănescu said today.

Dragănescu, 60, told Reuter the National Salvation Front (NSF), which took power after Ceausescu was toppled and executed, would not impose authoritarian rule even if it widely expected, it wins national elections scheduled for May 20.

"If the Front wins the election I don't think it will be a domination in the old style of the old Communist Party," said Dragănescu, one of Romania's leading electronics experts.

Many of the 30 or so opposition parties have complained that the Front has an unfair election advantage in terms of more buildings and organisations.

The NSF bowed to pressure from the parties last week when it agreed to set up a council of national unity within which opposition groups would be represented.

Dragănescu described the council, to be formally instituted on Friday, as Romania's new Parliament.

"All voices will be heard and will influence the decisions of this body," he said

Surrender monopoly Soviet partymen told

Gorbachev's days are numbered — Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Feb 5. (Agencies): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev told Communist Party leaders meeting today that they must give up the party's guaranteed monopoly on political power, sources said.

Gorbachev, opening a crucial two-day meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee, told the policy-making body that a multiparty political system in fact already exists in the country, said a source familiar with Gorbachev's speech, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Soviet leader urged the party to abolish its constitutionally guaranteed monopoly on political power, which has come under increasing attack throughout the country, said

the source.

The central committee meeting opened in the Kremlin a day after about 200,000 protesters marched in the streets of the Soviet capital, demanding that the party embrace radical reforms and end its monopoly on power.

Gorbachev also called for advancing to this summer the next Communist Party congress, theoretically the most powerful party body, which will choose a new central committee, the sources said.

The official news agency Tass said it was proposed to hold the party congress at the end

of June or beginning of July.



Hundreds of thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators gather on Moscow's Manege Square in front of the Kremlin (top right). (Reuter wirephoto)

Slovenia dispute worsens

LIUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, Feb 5. (AP): Slovenia's liberal communists have broken with the national party, declaring they no longer recognise the institution that has ruled Yugoslavia since World War II.

The move yesterday follows disputes over the pace of democratic reform between Slovenia and archrival Serbia, the largest and most populous of Yugoslavia's six republics.

Last month Slovenia's communists stormed out of a national party congress dominated by hardliners led by Serbia.

The break is the first such since the communists took power in 1945.

Yugoslavs have been increasingly critical of the apparent inability of the party's fractious regional leadership to deal with the worst economic and political crisis under communist rule.

In an emergency meeting yesterday, the Slovenian Party also changed its name and called for the release of all political prisoners, an end to all political trials and immediate talks between Yugoslav communists and leaders of newly formed opposition parties.

Slovenia's Communist Party president, Ciril Ribić, said the new party was not seeking secession from Yugoslavia but the establishment of a Yugoslav confederation that restricts central authority.

"This is the end of the league of communists of Yugoslavia, in which Slovenian communists had the status of an unequal minority," said Ribić, using the formal name of the national party.

The national party "doesn't exist any more for us," said Petar Beks, another Slovenian Party leader.

Slovenian communists, aware of rising criticism of communism in their westward-looking region, have moved quickly in the past three years to create a pluralistic political system.

Their reforms have been criticised harshly in Serbia.

East Germany forms broad coalition govt

Communists in minority

EAST BERLIN, Feb 5. (Reuter): East Germany's Parliament agreed today to include eight opposition figures in a new government of "national responsibility," in which communists are in the minority for the first time in 40 years.

In a televised vote the Parliament, or Volkskammer, voted 100-100 to approve communist Prime Minister Hans Modrow's new broader-based government, intended to ensure stability in the run-up to free elections next month and to continue reforms.

"East Germany is no longer governable except through broad responsibility," Modrow told the chamber.

In his statement he also said German unity was inevitable but that it would have to be a careful process.

"Germans' responsibility ... should be shown in their growing together rather than being nailed together," he said.

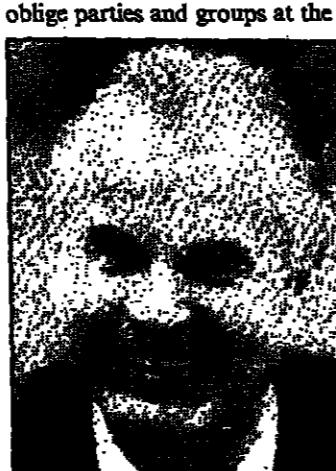
At separate round table talks between opposition groups and established parties, Economics Minister Christa Luft resisted growing pressure for speedy economic and monetary union with West Germany to save East Germany's crippled economy.

Whether or not to replace the country's non-convertible currency with the West German mark should be decided in a referendum on unification, she said.

Luft also appealed for an immediate West German grant of 10 to 15 billion marks (six to nine billion dollars).

The eight new cabinet members co-opted to help steer East Germany safely to elections are ministers without portfolio, joining a 26-strong administration that took over from the old Stalinist leadership in November.

The new ministers include a



Modrow at a press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

pastor, a church historian, and a human rights activist who for years dodged the attentions of the non-defunct Stasi security police.

They were sworn in by acting head of state Manfred Gerlach.

By taking their seats in government, the eight overturned the communists' majority in the cabinet. The other four non-communist parties in the cabinet had 11 of the 26 posts.

The opposition groups presented ranged from the centre-right Democratic Awakening to the broadly leftist New Forum, the umbrella movement that acted as a major catalyst for the peaceful revolution in October and November that overthrew Communist Party chief Erich Honecker.

At the round table talks, New Forum objected to the March 18 election date, now formally approved by the Volkskammer.

The opposition group argued that established parties and those with West German support, like the Social Democrats, had an unfair advantage. But their application to postpone the election was turned down.

The round table also voted to oblige parties and groups at the

round table to stop inviting West German politicians to speak or canvass on their behalf.

With West German politicians turning up virtually everyday, it seems unlikely this resolution will be adhered to.

The Volkskammer later agreed to ban extreme right-wing parties such as the Xenophobic, West German-based Republicans.

A round table working group meanwhile called for an end to the persecution of former Stasi security police and urged state enterprises to stop refusing them jobs.

Following is a list of the new ministers, all ministers without portfolio (group or party and profession in brackets): Rainer Eppelmann (Democratic Awakening, pastor); Walter Romberg (Social Democratic Party, mathematician); Sebastian Pflueger (New Forum, physicist); Wolfgang Ullmann (Democracy Now, historian and legal expert); Klaus Schlueter (Green League engineer); Mathias Platzek (Green Party, cyberneticist); Tatjana Boehm (Independent Women's Association, sociologist); Gerd Poppe (Peace and Human Rights Initiative, physicist).

The two Germanys' dialogue over their common future is rapidly becoming a virtual monologue as Bonn openly calls the shots on what will or will not be done.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl speaks in triumphant tones these days as he dismisses East Berlin's proposals, chides the communists for dragging their feet and points the way Bonn wants to see reform in East Germany go.

And step by step, with a reluctance rooted in 40 years of Marxist orthodoxy, East Germany's embattled leaders grit their teeth and drop yet another policy from a party platform that once seemed as solid as the Berlin Wall.

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Defence budget gives clues about how Bush wants military to prepare for future

WASHINGTON, Feb 5. (AP): President George Bush's new defence budget doesn't offer a long-range vision in a time of revolutionary change, but it gives some short-term clues about how Bush wants the military to prepare for the years to come.

The President made headlines with last week's proposal to strip hundreds of thousands of US and Soviet troops from the European continent. But his \$292.1-billion budget proposal also reveals a conservative, take-it-slow approach in many areas.

The 1991 plan takes only tentative steps into a new era with a modest troop reduction of 38,000 in the coming year, cutbacks in about 20 minor conventional weapon programmes, and continued funding for several futuristic

weapons systems from the Reagan administration, such as

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The budget opts for continued modernisation of the nation's strategic nuclear forces, including funds for more B-2 Stealth bombers, MX missiles, the Midgetman missile, a Trident submarine and trident missiles.

The cuts in conventional weapons came more easily, the secretary said, because fewer such arms will be needed as the military force is reduced.

The army has argued that in an era of lessened superpower conflict in Europe, it now must prepare for Third World, low-intensity conflicts that require a lighter, more flexible force, as demonstrated in the Panama invasion.

As a result, the army procurement budget was cut by \$4 billion from last year, but its research and development

programmes grew by \$1 billion, in the interest of developing such things as a light tank.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, warned Congress last week the military spending must not be slashed willy-nilly amid the calls for foreign-based troop withdrawals and tight budgets.

Even if Bush's call to draw US troop levels down to 225,000 in Europe is agreed upon, it would take place over a span of one to two years, Cheney told lawmakers.

Cheney expressed some impatience with Cheney's lack of information on long-range Pentagon plans for troop cuts and weapons programmes, with Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Sam Nunn complaining of "a number of blanks in the budget."



Sri Lanka pageant

A man dressed as Nilame, a past king of Sri Lanka, rides an elephant in the cultural pageant which

marked this island country's 42nd year of independence. (Reuter wirephoto)

Azeris accused of truce violation

MOSCOW, Feb 5. (UPI):

Azerbaijanis have violated a truce agreement by evicting Christian Armenians from two villages, halted talks with their rivals from Azerbaijan.

The Armenians said yesterday they would not participate in further talks because evictions by the Azerbaijani authorities broke the spirit of an agreement reached on Saturday during two days of talks on neutral ground at the Latvian capital of Riga.

As the plenum began this morning, Gorbachev signalled in remarks published by the Communist Party daily Pravda that the ruling party was preparing to give up its monopoly on power.

The Communist Party lays no claim to monopoly and is prepared for political dialogue with all those who favour the renewal of socialist society," he told a group of coal miners during a three-hour meeting in Moscow on Friday, Pravda said.

Gorbachev, who is both Communist Party chief and Soviet President, said that "a multiparty system is not a panacea," indicating the communists still want to be the dominant force in Soviet society.

He warned that the party must reform itself or face losing its authority in Soviet society.

"If the party is not renewed, it will recede into the background," he told the miners, according to Pravda.

Yeltsin, in an interview published today said the Soviet people are fed up with Gorbachev and his days are numbered unless he looks for radical allies.

Yeltsin said the party must end its political monopoly, "the worst scourge of the Stalinist system."

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Sri Lanka frees student detainees

Violence continues

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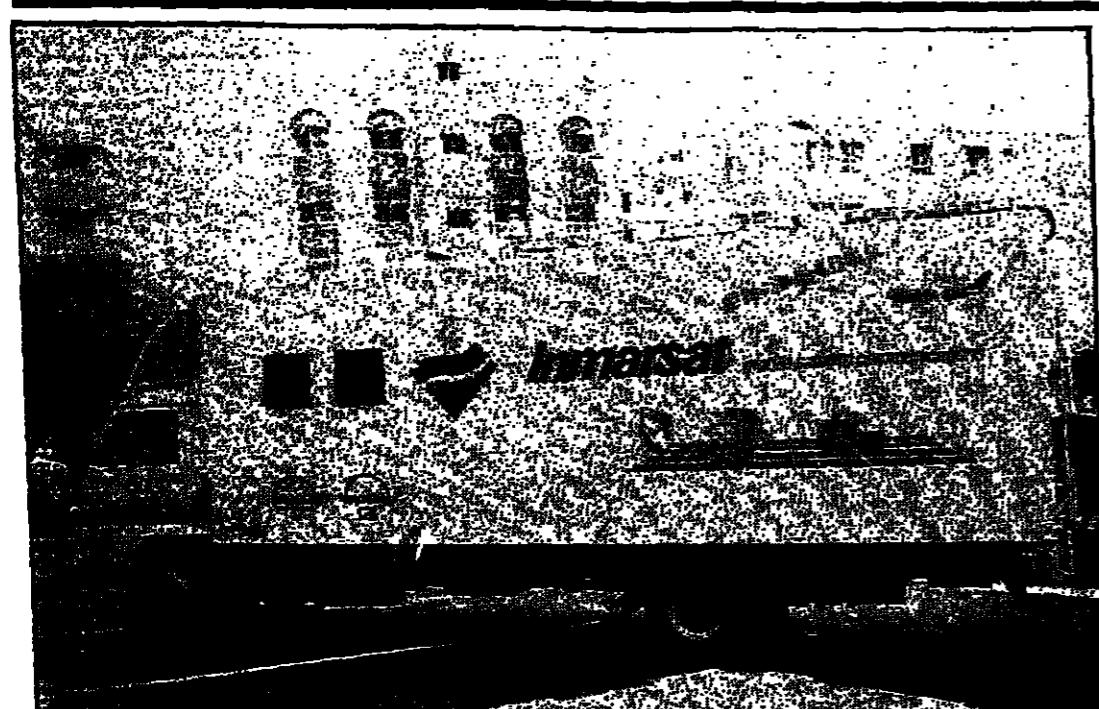
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Communication

Delegates of the International Marine Satellite Communications, INMARSAT, are holding talks with Kuwaiti officials on means of strengthening relations. The team also brought a mobile satellite communication vehicle (pictured above). They also inspected ministry installations.

Divorces rise

By Sayed Othman

DIVORCE cases registered considerably increase during the first half of 1989, according to statistics issued by the Computer Centre of Kuwait's Ministry of Justice.

During the first six-month period, 1,453 divorce cases had been recorded and a total of 3,000 cases were registered for the year 1989.

Statistics indicated that 863 Kuwaiti men divorced their wives of whom 74 per cent were Kuwaiti women, while 590 expatriates divorced their wives during the same period of whom 17 per cent were Kuwaiti women.

Percentage wise, Kuwaiti divorced women accounted for 53 per cent of the cases, while Kuwaiti males accounted for 59 per cent. Kuwaiti males who divorced their wives during the first half of 1989 accounted for 442 polygamous marriages reflecting 30 per cent of such divorce.

Most divorce cases could be attributed to incompatibility in ages coupled with polygamy.

About 36 per cent of divorces

occurred among couples whose marriage life was less than five years, 31 per cent whose marriage life lasted some months. Those whose marriages had lasted 20 years and over constituted for only 5 per cent. Most divorces were finalised amicably — only 408 cases were decided by the courts.

Ages of divorced women ranged between 20 to 29 years and ages of men ranged between 25 to 29 years with 382 divorces, 30 to 34 years, 270 cases and 35 to 44 years, 297 cases and those over 45 years of age, 265 cases.

Statistics indicate that 32 per cent of divorced women had an intermediate education level, 27 per cent general secondary certificate and 8 per cent were graduates.

Men mostly had either intermediate certificates or secondary certificates and 13 per cent were graduates. Education plays a vital role in bringing down the divorce rate, the study said.

Hawalli governorate topped the list of divorces with 736, Ahmadi 283, Jahra 211 and the Capital 114, according to statistics.

Soviet Jews

Iraqis oppose migration

BAGHDAD, Feb 5, (Kuna): An Iraqi newspaper on Sunday lashed out at the Soviet Jews immigration to Israeli-occupied Arab territories and said Arabs are not prepared to pay the cost of world detente.

Al Thawra daily emphasised that current developments might achieve peace for superpowers but would push the Mideast region toward tension.

"Arabs oppose to be the first who pay the cost of international detente policy," the paper said, adding that it was not a mere chance that the United States closed down its doors before Soviet Jewish emigrants at this particular time.

The daily accused Washington of deliberately working for organising the Soviet Jews immigration and their settlement in Arab occupied lands at the expense of the Palestinians.

The Iraqi newspaper appealed to the international community to live up to its responsibilities and block attempts of further violations of Palestinians and Arab historical rights in occupied Palestine.

GCC book show due in March

THE Assistant Rector for Society and Information Services at the University of Kuwait, Dr Rasha Al Sabah said that the university will host the third book exhibition for GCC universities from March 17-21, 1990 as recommended by the Arab Education Office for Gulf states.

She pointed out that the exhibition is held once every two years in one of the GCC member states. The first exhibition was held at the campus of the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain in 1986; the second was held at King Saud University in Riyadh in 1988. She said the past two exhibitions were highly successful.

She said the aim of the exhibition is to encourage the publication of scientific magazines at Arab Gulf universities and to urge professors, students and other educational establishments to take up scientific and intellectual projects.

The exhibition will include forms and copies of all publications issued by the universities like translated and written books.

Dr Rasha said that the University of Kuwait is also currently preparing to hold a regional conference on eradication of illiteracy.

The United Nations Education Culture and Sciences Organ-

isation has directed the university to form a special National Committee for Illiteracy Eradication in order to take part in the International Year activities in 1990.

Dr Rasha said that after students graduate from the university they will start a new stage of their lives. Therefore, the university is currently viewing the possibility of organising training and comprehensive courses for graduate students in order to qualify them to join the manpower market.

She said that most of the courses will put more emphasis on a number of specialities including commerce, engineering, and oil related areas.

Amir contributed to Afghani teachers institute

3,000 'Arab' mujahedeen

HH the Amir has contributed to the building of an institute for Afghani teachers which is to be built on an area of 10,000 square metres, according to Majed Al Saud Al Rifai, head of the Islamic Daawa Committee at the Social Reform Society.

The committee built the first surgical hospital in Afghanistan and is staffed exclusively by Arabs. The hospital is located only 50 kilometres from Kabul. The committee has also provided for 15 units to receive civil patients and maintains border emergency points and 200 ambulance personnel within Afghanistan.

All personnel are Afghani nationals trained by the committee to undertake ambulance and nursing duties. In addition, the committee has 140 teachers graduated from the Eastern Institute who run schools and mosques within Afghanistan.

The committee was established six years ago when there was no charity committee to support Afghani mujahedeen and is presently engaged in carrying out several

medical and educational projects within Afghanistan.

Rifai pointed out that there are about 3,000 Arab mujahedeen fighting alongside Afghani mujahedeen, but only 10 to 15 are Kuwaiti nationals. He added that the number of Saudi mujahedeen total 1,000.

The official said that Afghani mujahedeen launched the war against communists two decades before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Russians decided to invade Afghanistan when they found that communists could not control the situation.

According to statistics, there are about 6.5 million Afghani refugees of whom 3.5 million are in Pakistan, 1.5 million in Iran and the balance are refugees living inside Afghanistan, but in different areas. He added that the committee views the situation in refugee camps as still "very bad" and is doing its utmost to provide every form of support.

The committee is now making a comprehensive study in China to carry out a number of charity projects. There are

about 100 million Muslims in China and the committee's efforts to cater to this large number will be no mean achievement.

Rifai said that the committee has the largest network to nurse and transport injured fighters in the Islamic World. In addition to 200 ambulances who transport the injured in Afghanistan to the border health and emergency units, there are also about 40 ambulance cars to transport injured to two central hospitals in Pakistan run by the committee — Al Nafis and Al Fouzan Hospitals.

The projects of the committee are financed by Muslim and organisations in Kuwait and in the Arab Gulf states. The committee also has activities in some European countries to collect contributions for its activities which at the present time are concentrated on Afghanistan.

The committee co-operates with the Saudi Red Crescent Society and the Saudi Committee of Afghani Mujahedeen and Refugees. Last year, Islamic Daawa Com-

mittee transported 11,000 injured persons. The health units of the committee received about 700,000 Afghani patients during the last two years.

The committee has a medical centre in the midst of seven refugee camps, 15 intermediate and secondary schools, besides 30 centres for teaching the Holy Quran. The committee will build an orphanage house for which the foundation stone has already been laid.

Kuwait Zakat House covers 90 per cent of costs of these projects and the orphanage will accommodate 500 orphans. It will contain internal hostels, classrooms and a technical institute as well as playgrounds and other utilities.

The committee is also executing the Eye Hospital that includes eight clinics and the project is expected to be opened next September. A project to build an intermediate and secondary school to host 600 pupils is estimated to cost about 1.5 million and is to be funded by the Islamic Development Bank, Rifai said.

Sharp decline in fertility, birth rate

Literacy, late marriages responsible

HIGHER education, literacy and late marriages have significantly contributed to a sharp drop in fertility among women, both Kuwaitis and expatriates, in Kuwait, according to a study conducted by the Ministry of Planning.

The study, recently released by the ministry, says the birth rate has dropped in Kuwait in the last 20 years.

It found that Kuwaiti and expatriate working women are less fertile than housewives. It said this is the direct result of higher education and postponement of marriage.

The study found that most young people in Kuwait, both males and females, had the tendency to marry late, thus contributing to a drop in fertility among them. Fertility and the rate of birth drops sharply among educated women compared to the uneducated ones, it said. The average number of birth among the age group 20 and 24 was 2.1 among illiterate wives and 0.79 among wives holding university

degrees.

The birth rate was 6.83 among uneducated women and 3.42 among literate women among women in the age group between 45 and 49 years.

It said the birth rate, which was 45 per 1,000 of the population in 1970, dropped to 30 per 1,000 in 1986. The fertility rate, similarly, dropped from 7 to 4.4 during the same period.

The main reason for the fall in the rate of births and fertility has been attributed to a drop in fertility among expatriates. The birth rate among them dropped from 44 per thousand in 1970 to 21 in 1986.

There was a slight drop in the rate of fertility among Kuwaitis. The study said the maximum rate of birth among Kuwaitis was reached in 1975 with 51 births per 1,000 Kuwaitis. This dropped to 44.5 per cent in 1986.

The study said that the main factors for the relatively high fertility and birth rates among Kuwaitis include improved health

services, a rise in earnings and the age of Kuwaitis. Government incentives to encourage marriage among Kuwaitis, and increase the birth rate, was to some extent responsible for the high rate of birth among them, it said.

According to the latest population census, Kuwaitis form about 28 percent of the over 1.9 million population of Kuwait.

The study said that the main factor in the drop of birth rate among expatriates was due to an increased tendency among women to work. It said that most expatriate women who came to Kuwait recently came to take up jobs and not to join their husbands. It said, the number of children joining their parents also fell in the past decade.

The study also said that 5 per cent fertility was contributed by women under 20 years of age, while women over 40 years contributed for 7 per cent with the bulk of births among women in the 20s. The largest contribution, however, came from women in the age group between 25-29 years. It said that 41 per cent of drop in birth rate among Kuwaitis and 73 per cent of expatriates, is attributed to the "drop in marriage fertility," referring to the changes in marriage ages among both males and females in recent years. The average age at first marriage for males and females together increased from 20.8 years in 1975 to 22.4 years in 1985, an increase of 1.6 years in a decade. Similarly, the percentage of married Kuwaiti girls between 15-19 years dropped from 28 per cent in 1975 to 19.7 per cent in 1980 and further dropped to just 17.6 per cent in 1985, a drop of 10.4 per cent over one decade. The percentage of married Kuwaiti girls in the age group between 20-24 years, also dropped from 65.8 per cent in 1975 to 58.6 per cent in 1985. But the drop in the number of marriages among these two groups was partially compensated among higher age groups.

Crime File

Drug pushers jailed

A MAN was sentenced to three and a half years imprisonment and a KD100 fine by the Court of Higher Appeals. The man was accused of possessing 200,000 tablets of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking. A pistol was also found in his possession.

A second man was accused of taking part in the crime was sentenced by the same court to two and a half years imprisonment.

Security men who masterminded the arrest of the first convict told the court they recovered narcotic tablets and a pistol from the accused. The defendant also confessed that he was hiding a quantity of seized tablets in an old water tank and that he had given the second defendant an amount of these tablets for trafficking.

Money-exchanger acquitted

THE Criminal Court has acquitted a local money-exchanger of the charge of distributing counterfeit 100-dollar notes.

The court heard that a Kuwaiti citizen had exchanged money at the defendant's shop for Turkish and US dollar currencies. Subsequently he learnt from the hotel management in Turkey that three 100-dollar bills were fake, which he kept to return to the money-exchanger of Kuwait.

The defendant denied having seen the plaintiff before or exchanged money for him. When the case was brought to court, the defendant was acquitted for lack of incriminating evidence. Further, court learned from the wife of the plaintiff that he had exchanged US dollars in Turkey on two different occasions.

250 fils fine

THE Criminal Court has refrained from ruling against a man charged with possession of drugs hidden in his socks, but ordered him to submit a written pledge of good conduct for six months and fined him KD2.50 as charge for violating customs regulation.

The court heard that the man had his suitcase searched at the airport by a customs officer, but although nothing was found with him, the man remained nervous.

The officer grew suspicious and conducted a body search only to find a piece of hashish hidden in his socks.

Forger jailed

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man convicted of forgery to three years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The court was told that the man was arrested on a liquor charge. The arresting officer found two membership cards with the accused — one for a youth centre and the other for a religious institute. Suspecting the originality of the cards, the officer forwarded them to investigative authorities.

Specialists at the Forgery Research Division at the General Department for Criminal Evidence said that the photos were superimposed and the seal was drawn by hand with ink different in quality from that of the original seal.

The accused confessed that he had stolen the cards from his cousin and affixed his personal identification in a move designed to provide him with some official documents.

Forged passport

THE Criminal Court recently refrained from pronouncing judgement against a defendant accused of forgery, a local daily reported.

The court was told that the defendant entered the country with a passport which had a page of another passport holding legal residence.

Although the court found the accused guilty as claimed by the public prosecutor, it took the mitigating circumstances into consideration in abstaining from sentencing the accused.

Pornography

THE Court of Misdeemeanours acquitted a shop owner dealing with pornographic tapes.

The court was told that inspectors from the Ministry of Information had seized pornographic tapes from the shop of the accused.

However, in his defence, the owner said that these tapes were seized from a locked drawer which originally belonged to a salesman who had recently been dismissed from services.

The court acquitted the defendant due to lack of convincing evidence that the tapes were indeed his.

Phone sets available

300,000 subscribers

MINISTER of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan has said that the total number of telephone lines currently in service exceeds 300,000. That is a great number considering the population of Kuwait, he said.

The minister said subscribers can now buy their telephone sets from the ministry for KD 10 a piece. However, if they wish to use the ministry sets, returnable after disconnection, the ministry charges KD 14. However, in some cases the telephone sets were not taken back from the user.

The KD 95 charges are broken down into KD 30 fee for connection services, KD 30 annual subscription, KD 30 as insurance from non-Kuwaiti subscribers and KD 5 revenue.

He said the project will consist of 1,215 houses with an area of 250 square metres each. This project is the second project in the NHA's fourth five year plan, the official said.

He said the project will cost about KD 80 million and will include the necessary facilities including schools, markets, gardens and health clinics, adding that project will be constructed on an area of 85 hectares and its population will be about 10,000.

The project will include the constructions of two primary schools, two intermediate schools, car parkings and one mosque, Haidar said.

In an interview with local media, the official said this part will be utilised as sea front for beautification and environmental purposes. He added that the project's implementation process will begin by the commencement of 1991 and is expected to be completed by mid 1993.

He clarified that this housing



Sri Lankan reception

Sri Lankan Ambassador Latif Sheriffdeen on Sunday hosted a reception to celebrate his country's National Day. Diplomats, Kuwaiti officials and Sri Lankans attended. (Above): Sheriffdeen (second right) seen cutting the cake with Kuwait's Minister for Service Affairs, Essa Al Mazeidi. (Below): Counselor Atugoda receiving one of the guests.





Japanese dancers

Elegant, refined and sophisticated

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

MUCH of Japanese folk dancing can be traced to the chores performed by Japanese farmers over the centuries, it was said in the programme notes at the Japanese folk dance show Sunday night. But the Japanese women dancers, in their elegant costumes that seem to restrict their graceful movements, appeared to have little in common with rice-planting peasant women of medieval Japan. On the contrary, they were the very personification of elegance, refinement, subtlety and composure. But then one has learnt to expect sophistication from a country whose one major tradition has been to look for and create beauty even in most mundane of situations.

While women dancers of the Japan Folk Dance Ensemble glided on the stage, their fans extensions of their hands, the men, some in the ceremonial attire, with their war cries and ferocious beating of the drums portrayed dignity and valor.

Both were challenged by monsters, serpents, gigantic spiders or vengeful spirits that gave rise to more sword drawing, stomping of the feet and wild drum beating among the men and flute-

ting and praying among women.

In an extraordinarily vigorous and almost reckless drum beating five men wearing scary masks took turns in bashing the drum, at the sides and on top, at times three of them having a go at the same time. As it progressed the number appeared to be more of an endurance test than a performing art. It did have a function though. In the ancient times, the legend says, it was a call from the god of war to his soldiers and a warning to the enemy. Today it could have a more therapeutic role, allowing stress-stricken workaholics to give vent to their frustrations.

Several numbers, performed by the Japan Folk Dance Ensemble, that gave another show last night at the Kuwait Regency Palace hotel, were based on ancient legends depicting the battle between good and evil forces. These dances gave ample opportunity to dancers, costume and prop-makers and choreographers to display their artistry, which they did with aplomb and flourish. The live accompaniment of gongs, bells, flutes, drums and shimesen, a Japanese string instrument, enhanced the performance adding that extra edge to dramatic scenes and mellow notes to lyrical moments.



Prize-fighting

It's a dog's life

DOG fights — that's what they are, somewhere in the desert wilderness, and far from civilisation. In Kuwait, dog fighting has been outlawed, but it is a game that is not only being played, but enjoyed by a group of people who train the dogs for the prize fights in the desert.

The dog-fights are held on the sandy ground, where a wrestling ring is erected for the purpose. There is betting, shouting and all the excitement that goes with wrestling matches. Only, this time the fighters are trained dogs.

The scene is set long before the match begins with spectators taking notes as the commentator calls out the names of dogs participating in the day's matches. The day the Arabic newspaper reporter went to watch the match between the two dogs named Shinja and Killer, the hot favours, as it were to compete.

Once the names are announced, betting starts. On one game as much as KD 8,050 were placed on bets.

Then, the real excitement starts as the jeeps carrying the dogs approach the arena. The dogs are let loose from their kennels and they have to fight their way out through a narrow passageway that leads to the wrestling arena. As

soon as the owners let go off the leashes, the bloodhounds fall over each other in a bid to emerge winners.

Although the excited voices of spectators pitched higher and higher as the blood comes from their wounds, it was a devastating experience. The 15-minute match was terrifying, to say the least. "Killer" was the winner after biting off Shinja's nose. The winning bloodhound was given a huge medal as a reward for the bloody fight he had put up.

The owners of the bloodhounds refused to divulge their names but said that it was their hobby. They were aware that the sport is prohibited by the law in Kuwait but said it was practised in many world countries. One owner said he had a breed of dogs, specially trained for such prize-fights.

"Training," he said, "was vital to win."

The dogs are imported from such countries as India and Pakistan and cost between KD 600 and KD 1,700. The most popular prize-fighters in Kuwait are called "Tiger," "Jaiker" and "Shinja."

One wonders if the effort of putting animals to such pain is well-worth the enjoyment, if any, one might get from such sports.

GCC-Japan ties

Talks start to map strategy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Feb 5, (AP): Officials from Japan and the Gulf Co-operation Council began meetings at GCC headquarters today to map future political and economic cooperation.

The meeting, led by Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Hisashi Owada and the GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara, came as efforts are being stepped up to bolster relations between the Asian giant and its members.

The GCC delegation includes

representatives of the six member states that make up the alliance — Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The GCC is an 8-year-old quest for a common market of the conservative Arab states of the Gulf, who sit on more than 40 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves. The other major oil reserves are in the United States

and the Soviet Union.

More Tokyo delegations have been showing up in the Middle East of late. Japan already imports more than two-thirds of its oil from the Gulf, which also includes Iraq and Iran as well as the GCC countries.

But various international oil studies have been pointing to increasing consumption rates in Japan and elsewhere in the industrialised world, and to increase dependence on Gulf oil as other sources taper off.

A GCC spokesman said the meeting was to deal with a number of political and economic topics that contribute to bolstering joint co-operation between the two sides, led by trade, investment and transfer of technology.

The same official also said the meeting was part of a series the GCC secretariat was conducting to foster co-operation with

various international economic blocks and powers.

The GCC countries seek to break away from being mere exporters of crude oil into developing sophisticated industrial bases with the help of the most advanced technology they can secure world-wide.

They also are geared to developing integrated oil industries from oil well to the retail end through joint ventures with the major consuming centres.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Naser returned home this weekend from his first official visit to Japan in pursuit of that objective.

Additionally, officials in the GCC countries have been harping on the theme that without becoming a strong economic bloc on their own, they will not be able to stand in a world that will soon see other blocs solidified with the birth of a united European market in 1992.

Ziben opens aviation meet

DIRECTOR General of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ahmed Al Ziben yesterday inaugurated the conference of Asian Airlines Association for human resources development.

Ziben delivered a speech at the meeting in which he pointed out the good progress realised by the Asian airlines companies over the past five years.

He urged these companies to work together in order to face the future challenges of the nineties.

Meanwhile, Director of the Development and Training Department of the KAC Adel Al Shimali said that ranking officials from 20 airlines are taking part in the two-day conference which is due to discuss issues that concern the companies such as planning, administration, training and development of human resources.

He added that the association will hold its expanded conference in Kuwait in February next year. It will be attended by representatives of 25 Asian airlines companies.

He further said that the conference will discuss the future challenges facing the Asian airlines companies and administrative development at the member companies.

Ghezali arrives

ALGERIAN Foreign Minister Sid Ahmad Ghezali will arrive in Kuwait today, it was announced.

The visit comes in reply to an invitation by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber and is expected to center on bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

Indian shoplifter

ABU DHABI, Feb 5, (Reuters): The first customer at a new supermarket in the United Arab Emirates was a shoplifter, a United Arab Emirates newspaper said today.

The Al Bayan newspaper said an Indian man was arrested with several items hidden in his pockets at the shop in the city of Ras Al Khaimah.

Spring camping season starts

Creating social awareness in family atmosphere

THE Social Reform Society opened on Saturday evening its seasonal spring camp.

In a key-note address, the assistant undersecretary for Youths Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Abdul Rahman Al Mazzouzi, stressed the responsibility to be shouldered by every individual towards protecting the wilderness and local environment.

Also speaking on the occasion, the secretary-general of the society Abdullah Al Auiqi said that the camp is part of the society's efforts to develop its social activities and reinforce its relations and co-operation with all social welfare centres in the best interest of the public.

He added that the camp this year will accord special attention to raising public awareness of topical social issues and propose effective remedies while providing a healthy social entertainment ground during the spring holidays.

A social specialist from the

ministry, Dr Abdul Raouf Al Jirawi, delivered a lecture on the grave responsibility that befalls parents in providing decent upbringing and education to their children. He highlighted the common erroneous patterns which mainly result in the deprivation of the child from essential parental care and attention.

He said that other negative patterns lay in the misuse of overuse of punitive measures to deter antisocial child patterns which often led to the development of a sense of injustice and lack of confidence by children which led to the emergence of social animosity and consequently delinquency.

He also touched upon the chronic problem of reliance on hired household which gravely affected the children's social conduct and character development. He pointed out that statistic recorded of delinquent cases in 1987 revealed that Kuwaitis formed 61 per cent of delinquents

while 54 per cent of these cases emerged during the secondary school education.

A social survey of existing government social institutions revealed the disintegrating family life and the absence of the "right example to follow" for

children.

Khaled Hasan in an interview, said that his family are frequent campers in the desert and have come to appreciate the beauty of nature and believe that these outings are quite invigorating. It also provides the entire family with an opportunity to work together by contributing to the day-to-day needs of the camp.

However, he said that during the recent past, the municipality had banned setting up camps in

pre-designated areas, leaving only a small area free for campers. This has restricted privacy and the involvement of various activities.

Khaled Ahmad, another camper said that the spot where they camp suffers from the absence of municipal cleaning services. Additionally, mobile grocers were banned from entering the camping areas. He added that the closest Bayan Supermarket branch had taken advantage of the situation and hiked prices of commodities.

Jasem Mohammad said that there is plenty to do out in the wilderness and everyone can engage in sporting and other activities. However, he said that reckless drivers chase girls and called for regular police patrols.

Mozza Mosa Al Asfour said that the municipality refuse-collecting squad were always there to keep the camping areas clean. Unfortunately, the distribution of garbage sacks never took place this year compared to

the excellent services performed by the municipality during last year's season.

Naim Faisal Al Inizi said that he would go out for entertainment on Fridays close to his house in Mishref and the municipality provided all required services, but campers were reckless and littered the area with garbage. However, he said that this year's camping season was better than before. However, he said that campers this year, contrary to all years before, preferred to camp in areas close to their residences which left the place overcrowded and hampered personal freedom — particularly for those fond of walking distances.

He added that camping in the years of yore was more fun as campers stayed the night in their tents, but now return home in the evening. He called on all campers to avoid littering, destroying plants and vegetation and to particularly ensure that all fires were put off before leaving the camp.



Bowling Tournament

Lufthansa entertained 24 travel agents with their 1990 Bowling Tournament at the Kuwait International Hotel. Three consecutive days of fun and competition was followed by an evening of surprises at the award ceremony with Lufthansa's Boodai Aviation emerged champions followed by Musaad Al Saleh & Sons while the male competitors.

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LET the people know the truth and the country is safe—
Abraham Lincoln, former US president (1809-1865).

OPINION

Lebanon needs a solution, now

ALL indications point to the fact that there are forces that do not wish to see the Lebanese crisis solved.

The question now is who is behind the disputes between the Lebanese leaders, including those with tendencies towards partitioning?

When Gen. Aoun's position becomes untenable, he simply gives the excuse that non-Lebanese troops are staying and this provides the pretext for the Israeli troops to remain in the South under the claim of fighting terrorism and protecting the Israeli-Lebanese borders.

Again when non-Lebanese forces remain in Lebanon, other Lebanese warring forces find opportunities for securing contracts to kill. Amid this scenario, parties backed by sectarian countries or those dreaming to secure a foothold in Lebanon find their opportunities like the Hezbollah which simply trade the Lebanese national security for foreign country.

To compound the issue, there are forces both within and outside Lebanon that want to maintain the present situation. It looks that even the legitimate government fears a decisive settlement.

Now, if Gen. Aoun concedes authority—which he must do—is there any guarantee that no more Gen. Aouns will come on the scene to do whatever the present Aoun is doing?

What would be the next obstacle that could be created for the invading forces to remain in Lebanon, as it appears that it stays is benefitting, if not the state itself, the soldiers.

Now, what really prevents the legitimate government to settle the issue—if it is really capable of doing that. They have the Arab and international backing and it has every right to take necessary action to solve an internal problem.

It is time for a Lebanese decisive solution, otherwise Lebanon will remain the 15-year-old misery of the Arab world, added of course to its other misery, the Palestine question which has been there over the past 40 years.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Soviets head for change

MOSCOW, (Reuter): The Soviet Union appeared to be heading with increasing momentum this weekend towards dramatic political change that could take it down the revolutionary path which has already reshaped Eastern Europe.

A flood of hints, suggestions and leaks from officials in the Communist Party and the state apparatus over the past few days on how the country should meet the challenge of the modern world seemed to leave no doubt the train was on the move.

In the course of less than a week, two influential figures have publicly urged more powers for "reformer-leader" Mikhail Gorbachev to enable him to push through a radical programme against mounting conservative resistance.

Congress

Reform-minded rank-and-file communist groups from all over the country have called on the leadership to bring forward to this spring a party congress already billed as the one that will totally recast the structure of Soviet power.

And on Saturday a well-connected Soviet news service suggested that Gorbachev, in what would be the most significant departure of all, planned on Monday to propose an end to the party's 70-year monopoly on power.

The service, Radio Moscow's Interfax, said a draft platform to be presented by the Kremlin chief to a plenary session of the party's Central Committee would admit the possibility of a multi-party system and private property.

Even the official Tass news agency, which has sometimes served in the past as a conduit for conservative views, said the two-day plenum comes against the background of unprecedented "high political intensity."

The vital new element, commentator Alexander Minayev said, was that "the idea of radical political changes is coming forward, from primary party organisations and from rank-and-file party members who criticise the leading bodies of the party."

Foreign analysts said the power edifice likely to emerge under the authoritative if partial scenarios of the past few days would not in itself supplant the existing Soviet system.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1577 — Henry of Navarre is recognised as head of Huguenot Party in France.
- 1701 — War of Spanish succession begins.
- 1626 — Peace of La Rochelle is signed between Huguenot rebels and French crown.
- 1715 — Peace of Utrecht ends war between Spain and Portugal.
- 1778 — Britain declares war on France.
- 1819 — East India Company, represented by Stamford Raffles, establishes settlement at Singapore.
- 1869 — Greece agrees to leave Crete following Turkish ultimatum.
- 1897 — Crete proclaims union with Greece.
- 1899 — Treaty of Paris is ratified, whereby Spain cedes Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines to the United States for \$20 million.
- 1902 — French agreement with Ethiopia to finance railway construction provokes protests from Britain and Italy.
- 1932 — Fascist coup in Memel, Lithuania.
- 1952 — England's King George VI dies, is succeeded by Elizabeth II.
- 1964 — England and France agree on constructing English Channel rail tunnel.
- 1975 — Three paintings — one by Raphael and two by Piero della Francesca — are stolen from national gallery Ibn Urbino, Italy.
- 1988 — Mobs of youths set fires and attack police station as ethnic rioting spreads through several neighbourhood in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city.
- 1989 — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze says no settlement reached after talks with Pakistani officials on war in Afghanistan.



Letters to the editor

Kashmir in agony

SIR: There is a sad and strange paradox in the way most nations and people react to emerging new realities that confront them in ever-changing scenarios and fluid situations. No one seems to be reaching out to get a grip on realities; nations and their leaders always seem to be obsessively disposed towards changing political landscapes with emotional zealousness and a rigid quest for the prevalence of the status quo. This frame of mind and "modus operandi" has done more harm to humanity than any other single factor. The determination not to change in the face of changing realities has led many a nation and people to the brink of repeated human catastrophes.

Take, for example, how colonial powers reacted to native freedom movements in Asia, Africa and other parts of the globe. Invariably, the colonial response was to inflict terror and destroy political movements for independence. And yet, the colonists could not seize the process of self-rule forever; indeed, their (the colonists) unwillingness to give in has led to a great many human calamities. Israel and white-ruled South Africa are still continuing the politics of colonialism and racism at a horrendous cost in terms of human sufferings. Still, unfortunately, the attitudinal change to accommodate political realities in a peaceful manner has not come.

Consequently, the sufferings will continue; however the change will come at great human loss. There is no stopping it now; such is the fate of the earth. It simply reflects the logic of events and the understanding of the human desire to seek integrity.

When the East Pakistan crisis erupted in 1971, the response in West Pakistan was emotionally laden. Indeed, India played a major political and military role in the break-up of Pakistan. But the role of India was not the fundamental question, or should not have been the fundamental issue. The basic issue was that the common people in the then East Pakistan at the time considered the political situation contrary to their interests; whether their perceptions were right or wrong is not central to the argument at hand.

The fact is that the Pakistani administration and the people in the western province reacted with less than appreciable understanding of the growing discontent of the eastern province's political concerns.

Hence, a situation which clearly had viable political solutions turned into a major political crisis for Pakistan, giving India an opportunity to exploit the situation. The Pakistani administration in Islamabad was overly obsessed with the determination to pursue the status quo. The requirements of the new political realities at the time were to reject the status quo and espouse fresh political perspectives in a nonetic and accommodating manner.

Kashmir is in agony now. Not because Pakistan supports the Kashmiri independence movement or a merger with Pakistan. Quite earnestly, Pakistan's support is not the fundamental issue here. At the nucleus of this political movement are the people of Kashmir who consider the present political situation contrary to their interests and perceive the Hindu domination as repressive and unacceptable.

Consequently, the Kashmiris are rejecting the present political unity with India and are seeking self-determination.

The Indian reaction is to pursue the status quo at all costs. The Indian President, in a recent strongly-worded statement said, "We will, whatever the cost, ensure that Jammu and Kashmir remain an integral part of India." It seems that, given the absence of political efficacy, the human catastrophes and suffering are about to be repeated in Kashmir, just the way these scenarios have been repeated endlessly in the past.

However, the tragedy in Kashmir need not be repeated. For the newly-elected Indian prime minister, it is an opportune moment to preside over the future fate of India in a nonetic political perspective targeted at saving humanity a tragic calamity and an armed conflict, and resolving the crisis in a political framework.

An independent or autonomous Kashmir would not smear the face of Indian democracy in fact it would be a token of India's democratic vitality and commitment to resolving political conflicts in a political framework by responding to the crisis with mature democratic initiative and with appreciable respect for the legitimate demands of the people.

Such a scenario could not have been imagined or even conceived of under Rajiv Gandhi's leadership. Rajiv had to protect the cult of the Gandhi dynasty. Late Indira Gandhi would not have allowed any concessions to Kashmiri Muslims. But Prime Minister V. P. Singh has no dynasty to protect; he could be more profoundly in touch with the common aspirations of Kashmiri Muslims and prepare the majority Hindu masses in India to calmly realize that the demands for the secession of Kashmir are only an extension of a world-wide historical political process aimed at seeking autonomy for repressed minorities.

Respecting Kashmiri demands would only be respecting the inevitable process of political change which has been denied to them for a long time. Prime Minister Singh must understand that future historians would judge him not with what he did not allow to happen, but what he let happen and how he facilitated the change of the status quo to an energetic vitality of a political process.

By the same token, the people of Pakistan must very carefully react to the events in Kashmir. They must demonstrate admirable political maturity and respond to the Kashmiri crisis in a constructive way. The Pakistani people must analyze all variables working in the Kashmiri political arena and fully comprehend the role of different political actors. For example, the present PP administration and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, as we all know, have had no role in the making of the present events in Kashmir. But if Kashmir were to separate from India, it could add to the stature of the People's Party government and to the personality cult of Benazir and her dynasty. Hence, the present administration in Pakistan may attempt to manipulate the crisis in Kashmir to its party's and for personal advantage. Pakistanis must make sure that they do not allow the government to drag the country into a military conflict with India for the above-mentioned reasons.

We must also be aware that there is a likelihood that the Pakistan armed forces may pressure for an intervention in Kashmir to restore their lost credibility in the East Pakistan debacle.

We must also be fully cognizant of the role of the opposition. Benazir's tacit diplomacy may be exploited by the opposition as concessions to India, and a weakness of her leadership. People in Pakistan must fully realize that they should not let their leaders make blunders at the cost of their country, property and lives. In the past, many leaders in this wonderful but unfortunate country have committed blunders for personal gains. This time around, Pakistan must not allow this to happen. Period.

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Kashmir point of view.

Kashmir is very close to its final destiny; Pakistan and all other countries must do everything

possible for Kashmir to achieve its aspirations and self-determination at the minimum cost of

human life, with the least possible anguish, and if

possible, with no history of atrocities to be written.

India, itself, could preside over writing this

new chapter of a final tribute to human civility and generous political accommodation.

Dr Haider Mehdi

Shuwaikh campus

Kuwait University

Judge not

SIR: I'm writing in reply to recent comments by one Dr Haider Mehdi.

Every person has a right to their own opinions in matters as they see fit, and the "Letter to the Editor" column is a good way to be heard. But before a person does so, one should really be sure about their facts, this is especially true in regard to Islam, as this is such a sensitive matter and God has set forth His religion in the clearest terms, so that there should be no confusion in basic matters.

First of all, I would like to comment on Mehdi's letter about the value of Rajneesh's system of belief. In one paragraph Mehdi comments on how the beliefs and social system (free sex, etc.) are repugnant and disgusting to most people; and then in the next paragraph Mehdi says that Rajneesh never taught anything dangerous; that his system has some kind of value as a way to compare the values of the norm.

Without wanting to judge Mehdi, I would like to know how it is that things considered repugnant could be valuable, and also how Rajneesh's teachings could ever be considered anything but dangerous. Maybe Mehdi can explain why, towards the end of his career Rajneesh did a complete and total turnaround on his free-sex attitude, due to the widespread problem of AIDS among his followers, and "free-sex" became total celibacy.

In Islam we are taught that both of these attitudes are unhealth and dangerous — that a middle of the road course is the best way. As far as Rajneesh's teachings and ideas being of value, I fail to see any value whatsoever in leading people astray and away farther and farther from God's true teachings, as if most people of today aren't far enough away from God as it is.

The second item that needs to be addressed are the more recent comments of Mehdi with regard to the Pakistani People's Club. From the outset, I must make it clear that I am not Pakistani, and I know nothing about the PPC, and my comments have nothing to do with that organisation one way or the other. Nor do I wish to get into the literary semantics that Mehdi has chosen to.

The matter I wish to discuss are the strange comments Mehdi made. It seems obvious that Mehdi has made two mistakes, the first in his Islamic knowledge, and the second in the way he seems to be judging the motives behind this organisation's charitable goals and language.

I take it Mehdi is a Muslim, and as such should be considering himself a "servant" of God, as it is termed in the Holy Quran again and again. What does Mehdi propose? Perhaps he prefers "domestic helper" of God? I think it can easily be

seen how ridiculous this train of thought is becoming — and no amount of verbal games can change the fact that a servant still "serves" and obeys, and a "poor" person remains poor in spite of Mehdi's wish to make them "economically deprived." The common man has no need or use for such trivial pursuits in language.

Also, Islam has never forbidden charity in any form. Zakat is not charity, and has nothing to do with it. Zakat is mandatory and binding as a sort of "tax" (and I use that term loosely here) on one's wealth over and above what one's needs are, and is used to keep the "welfare state" running, in so many words.

Charity, on the other hand, is a voluntary donation of one's material wealth, time, or anything else. In Islam even a smile is considered a charity, and there is absolutely no shame in receiving charity in whatever form it may take. We must remember that this can be done in absolutely any way that one chooses, and nobody has the right to judge what is in the hearts of others. Only God can do that.

So, please, before we spout our opinions we should be very careful to know what we are talking about first, and we should never forget that we never have the right to judge, in any case, what is in the hearts of people, especially when they are trying to do what is considered good in the eyes of God.

Syed Iqbal Hussain,
Press & Cultural Attaché

Appeal for funds

SIR: The Embassy of Pakistan has taken note of the letter published in your paper entitled "Appalling statement". We would like to categorically refute the implication in the letter that "Pakistan was an integral part of Pakistan" while Kashmir has been a disputed territory since independence.

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Bowl with Islamic verses

Palestinian artist Jamal Badran, 80, holds a bowl he has painted with Islamic verses from the Holy Quran, written in his favorite Kufic style of script. Born in Haifa, Badran drew designs for the reconstruction of the Saladin minbar destroyed by arson at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque in 1969. (Reuter wirephoto)

Call for BBC newsman's expulsion

Kayhan asks for tit-for-tat move

NICOSIA, Feb 5. (AP): Teheran Radio warned yesterday that Britain's expulsion of nine Iranians will worsen "the cold relations" between the two countries and a leading daily called for the tit-for-tat expulsion of the BBC's correspondent in Iran.

The British government announced Feb 1 it had ordered the nine Iranians, including the London bureau chief of Iran's state-run television network, to leave by Feb 9 for reasons of national security.

Iran had been expected to retaliate for the British move, the latest in a series of expulsions of Iranians over the last year. But so far authorities in Teheran have taken any action.

Britain expelled 20 Iranians last year on security grounds.

Iran severed relations with Britain in February last year following publication of "The Satanic Verses" by Indian-born British author Salman Rushdie, which many Muslims charged blasphemed against Islam.

The state-run radio, said in a

commentary that the British action was "an irresponsible move, lacking in logic and wisdom."

It added that "Iran ... considers it a factor contributing toward worsening the existing cold relations between the two countries" and noted it signals "a further deterioration of relations."

Teheran's mass-circulation Kayhan daily said Iran should retaliate for the expulsions by expelling the British Broadcast Corp. reporter in Tehran.

It did not name the correspondent.

A BBC editor in London, who declined to be identified, told the Associated Press by telephone that the state-financed broadcasting system was perplexed by Kayhan's call.

"We have no staff correspondent in Iran at present," he said.

The daily's columnist, Omid Masoudi wrote that as long as Iranian reporters abroad "feel insecure because of factual reporting about what is happen-

ing in the West, there is no justification for the stay in Iran of the BBC reporter for spying and slanted reporting."

Kayhan said on Saturday the expulsions by Britain "betray its malicious nature" and followed protests by the European Parliament about Iran's alleged involvement in international terrorism.

The developments came in advance of the first anniversary of the Feb 14, 1989, death sentence on Rushdie by the late Ayatollah Khomeini for "The Satanic Verses."

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Tehran praises attack

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Jordanian capital, Amman. It said the Sunday night raid was part of "our ongoing battle with the Jews until victory is achieved."

The PFLP-GC radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said: "A group of our dear heroes...carried out the heroic Rafah operation..."

"I say to the Zionists in Palestine and everywhere, we will fight you, children, women and old men...an eye for an eye," said the statement, transmitted by Al Quds radio.

President George Bush telephoned Shamir today to offer his condolences over the "horrendous attack," a White House spokesman said.

"This horrible act of terrorism should be condemned by civilised people everywhere," the State Department said in a statement telephoned to reporters.

"This terrible incident is an obvious attempt by the enemies of peace to half effect our reconciliation and dialogue," it said.

The State Department said the US embassy had been in contact with Egyptian authorities.

Britain condemned the attack as a vicious attempt to sabotage chances for peace in the Middle East.

"We utterly condemn this obvious and vicious attempt to sabotage the peace process, which must continue," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Iran praised the attack as an heroic act which could help Muslim fundamentalist groups in Palestine.

State-run Tehran Radio said the attack was significant for its timing, at the height of a US diplomatic initiative aimed at convening Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

The PLO news agency Wafa said the attack could not be treated as an isolated incident.

"We would like to recall that hundreds of Palestinians in the occupied territories are being killed or wounded daily. This killing of officials is at the hands of Israeli officials, not known to have people so far unknown and who have no connection with the PLO," it said.

The executive committee, due to meet this afternoon, is certain to discuss the implications of the attack, PLO sources said.

Palestinian nationalist leader Faisal Al-Husseini told Reuters: "We condemn this act, no matter who committed it."

Arab League Ambassador Hamadi Easid condemned the attack but said the crime must be judged in the context of a cycle of violence in the Israeli-occupied territories.

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The state-owned Middle East News Agency said the warning came in protest messages to Presidents George Bush of the United States and Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union. The messages were delivered to US and Soviet diplomatic envoys.

Foreign Minister Ezzat Abdelf Meguid sent a similar message to his Israeli counterpart Moshe Arens on Saturday, the agency said.

The three messages, the agency said, dealt with "the grave negative consequences" on the Middle East peace process and the region's security and stability that would result from permitting Soviet Jews to settle in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The agency said Mubarak is currently undertaking extensive consultations with Arab and world leaders on the subject.

The United Arab Emirates today voiced concern over the influx of Soviet Jews into Israel and said it would make Israel more obstinate over a Palestinian settlement.

Like neighbouring Kuwait a day earlier, it urged the Soviet Union to stop the flow in the name of the friendly ties that link Moscow to the Arab world.

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Samerejian: 'martyr of the press'

BEIRUT, Feb 5. (AP): Veteran news photographer George Samerejian was fatally wounded in the week-long fighting between rival Christian warlords.

He was among more than 150,000 people who have perished in Lebanon's nearly 15 years of civil war and the 12th pressman to be killed in the conflict.

But the 42-year-old Armenian Christian was remarkable because he was always where the action was hottest.

He had survived countless battles, two Israeli invasions and two kidnappings.

He was also one of the handful of Lebanese and foreign pressmen to have covered the carnage of the civil war since it began in April 1975.

A stray bullet fired by a fellow Christian hit him in the head last Wednesday as he covered street battles in East Beirut between rebel Gen. Michel Aoun's troops and the Lebanese Forces militia led by Samir Geagea.

Samerejian, who worked for Beirut's independent *Al-Nahar* daily, was rushed to hospital in a nearby Christian neighbourhood, but no surgeon

could reach the hospital to operate on him because of the fierce house-to-house fighting.

The International Committee of the Red Cross got him across Beirut's dividing Green Line on Thursday to the American University Hospital in the western Muslim sector.

Surgeons removed the bullet that had shattered his brain. But he died on Saturday without regaining consciousness.

His journalist colleagues proclaimed him a "martyr of the press."

An *Nahar*'s editor, Francois Akl, wrote of Samerejian: "Throughout his outstanding career, George was noted for his fearless determination to be on the scene regardless of the risks involved."

New Afghan plan to phase out Najib

Baker will offer deal to Soviets

NEW YORK, Feb 5. (Reuters): US Secretary of State James Baker plans to propose to the Soviets a plan that would allow Afghanistan President Najibullah to stay in power for a transitional period before having to step down, the New York Times reported today.

The Times, quoting Bush administration sources, said that Baker is in talks in Moscow beginning on Wednesday.

But it said he plans to propose that the Afghan leader's departure be arranged through a gradual transfer of power in which Najibullah would remain in office in the early stages and then be phased out by the final stage.

The administration has up to now insisted that the Soviet-installed leader be removed as a condition to a negotiated settlement.

"Our strategic objective remains the same — self-determination for the Afghan people. What we are talking about here is a slightly new strategy," an administration official involved with Afghanistan policy was quoted as saying.

"For us to continue to insist on Najibullah leaving before anything can begin simply won't work anymore," the official said. "I can't say we're highly optimistic that the Soviets will bite, but it's worth a try," he said.

Najibullah said today he hoped talks this week between the United States and the Soviet Union of Afghanistan under United Nations supervision.

Najibullah repeated he would not step down from power before proposed elections in a post-war Afghanistan.

He said that at present secret negotiations were going on with factions representing 40,000 rebels. There was no independent confirmation of his claim.

Najibullah said he was confident negative symmetry would

lead to peace in Afghanistan if it addressed the conditions he laid down.

Meanwhile, a rocket fired by rebels hit a crowded part of the Afghan capital yesterday, killing a child and wounding 17 people, Kabul radio said.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said the weapon, provided by the US, was fired from a Kabul suburb.

On Saturday, eight rockets hit residential areas of the city, wounding five people and causing damage, the official Bakhtar news agency said.

Kabul blamed "criminal extremists," the term it uses for mujahideen fighting the Soviet-backed government.

It says the sophisticated missiles are supplied by the United States and Pakistan to the Afghan rebels to create "mass murder and wreck havoc and terror in the cities."

Hezbollah raids Israeli posts in S. Lebanon

NABATIYE, Feb 5. (AP): The fundamentalist Hezbollah said in a statement published by newspapers today it killed and wounded several Israeli soldiers over the weekend in raids in south Lebanon marking the 11th anniversary of Iran's Islamic republic.

The statement said pro-Iranian Hezbollah militiamen mounted attacks on Saturday against two Israeli posts in the villages of Bayyada and Jis El Hamra inside Israel's self-proclaimed security zone.

The communiqué said the infiltrators damaged the posts and "inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy."

It said another commando unit ambushed an Israeli armoured patrol rushing reinforcements to the posts.

The pitched fighting led to the destruction of an armoured personnel carrier and the death of its crew, the statement said.

The spokesman said the five were apparently headed into the zone on Saturday to team up with their comrades inside the zone.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Five killed

Sudan bombs Uganda

KAMPALA, Feb 5. (Reuters): A Sudanese plane bombed Moto in northern Uganda on Saturday, killing five civilians and wounding six, state-run Radio Uganda reported.

It was the third Sudanese military raid on the town 400 km (250 miles) north of Kampala since November.

A Sudanese Air Force jet bombed Moto in November, killing two civilians, and an army column raided into nearby villages on Dec 30, killing a soldier and civilian.

The attacks occurred during heavy fighting between government forces and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) on the Sudanese side of the border.

Militants destroy shops: Muslim militants in Egypt have attacked the shop of a Christian who they

EVENTS



Saaz aur Awaaz

Rhythm and melody combined to make the musical show by Saaz aur Awaaz yet another successful event. Well-known amateur singers Shahnawaz Karim, Bader Siddiqui and others entertained the audience with their rendition of songs by Lata, Rafi, Hemant Kumar and Talat Mahmood. The old and new melodies revived nostalgic memories as the singers crooned popular numbers, appreciated by the audience. Pictures show Saaz aur Awaaz members with their patron, Dr Taraknath (seated, extreme right); left Karim and Sabina; right Bader Siddiqui singing a duet. (Pictures by Javid Basra)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
9.40 Sabah Al Kher, news
9.50 Cartoon serial
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
10.30 Ghora Fi Al Madeena: Arabic serial (part 9)
11.30 Sabah Al Kher, news
11.45 Challenges: Foreign cultural programme (part 6)
12.20 News summary
12.30 Sabah Al Kher final
12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

EVENING

4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
4.45 Saham Al Fadha: cartoon serial
5.15 The World of Tomorrow: cultural serial
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
6.00 Al Fares Al Aasheq: historical serial (part 16)

6.45 Varieties
7.00 Our Children and the Future: local programme final prepared and presented by Dr Mohammed Jawad Redha
8.00 Madein Kuwait: information programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi
8.30 Good evening and local news
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Laeboun Fi Al Nar: Arabic serial (part 14)
10.45 Al Burkan: Weekly Arabic serial (part 8), starring Rasheed Assaf, Fadya Khatib and Waha Al Raheb
12.35 News summary
12.40 The World Today via Satellite
1.00 Holy Quran and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Diplodots. A cartoon series for children
6.30 Dartmoor. "Winter": The harsh and severe

winter in Dartmoor...A look at life and how people manage their living during this reason.
7.00 Peaceable Kingdom. "Symphony". After Courtney befriends a juvenile offender, Rebecca forbids her to see the boy again... Kate tries to convince Langley to enter a contest to conduct the L.A. Symphony.
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law. A weekly local informative programme Law and regulations are enforced in Kuwait...
8.45 Coming of Age. "Cindy Flies the Coop". Cindy returns home with her two kids after being separated from her husband...New problems arise with the kids at home and with the neighbours.
9.15 The Story of Hollywood. "Hollywood and the Gangsters". Call it romancing the underworld. From the time that Tinsel town

found out bad guys were big box-office, cops and robbers have been shooting it out. A time-capsule of tough guys from Cagney's Public Enemy Number one to Brando's Godfather.
10.00 The Twilight Zone. "The Curious Case of Edgar Witherpoon". A detective is missioned to investigate a curious old man. The man tries to convince the detective that he is committed to fulfill certain acts to preserve the world...
10.30 The Silk Route of the Sea. "Pepper Coast of India which extends from Karnataka in the north up till Kerala in the south where it served as a linking point between East and West...
11.30 A Man Called "Hawk". A rich man hires Hawk to save his son from a gang of South American rebels. Hawk discovers the reality of the rich man and his intentions...
12.00 News in brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



KTV 2, 10:30 — The Silk Route of the sea.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Craft Centre
MOTHERS are your hands too full with your tots on weekends? Here's a chance for you to relax and introduce them to creative art. For details contact 5635740, between 9-12 noon.

Seminar

THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday

6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al 'Ijamiyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

SOCIAL

Konkani drama THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to

announce Menino De Bandar's "Sousmaran Astana Dast" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaites) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Feicy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharg) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

Kuwait Little Theatre Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, present the Kuwait Folk Group in concert on 14th and 15th February, at 8 pm both nights. Tickets can be ordered by phoning 391759.

Videos of the recent very successful pantomime Sinbad the Sailor, can be picked up from the theatre on Sunday 4th February from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Sur Sangeet SUR Sangeet presents Sitar Nawaz. United Walton Dass nite, at Al Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel at 6:30 pm on February 9. For more information tel. 5615291.

Punjabi Cultural Society PUNJABI Cultural Society in Kuwait is celebrating the 117th birth anniversary of great Punjabi Poet Padam Bhushan Bhai Vir Singh on Feb 9, 1990 at 6:30 pm; at the Indian Embassy Auditorium. The noted Punjabi writers, poets and singers will participate. Everybody is welcome.

Daniella Fasalab Daniella celebrates "Fasalab" for Dances at Gazelle Club on Friday, Feb 16, at 1 pm. For reservations please call Marianne — Tel: 3710215 ext 29 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Feb 13.

Carnival Fiesta '90

YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feb 22, '90.

Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation, "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbour."

Highlights: Best Carnival couple (fancy) and many many surprises. For details contact the organisers on Tel. 2450279 (between 8 am to 1 pm) or Tel. 3921712.

Kuwait Welsh Society ST. DAVID'S Day buffet dance Thursday 1st March 1990, At Messilah Beach Hotel. For ticket reservations & more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

Valentine's Party VALENTINE'S Party: Come join the fun. Feb 15 dinner buffet-Top Ranks band, door prizes, Cupid's arrow awaiting. For more information call Nira on 5339623 or Kathy on 5731992 (between 6 am to 8 pm).

ACT ACT's production of Thornton Wilder's comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be presented on February 27, 28 and March 1 at 8.00 pm at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets can be reserved by calling 5725071 or 5731782.

Kalpak's Drama Competition KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

Hobby centre A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making — For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

British Council

THE ITALIAN JOB: Saturday, 10 and Sunday, 11 February 6:30 pm, 130 min.

The title is Italian but the case is most definitely British. Michael Caine and Noel Coward star in this fast, entertaining comedy caper. With wild chases galore, the job culminates with the robbers in their mini cars using the piazza, arcades and rooftops to make their getaway causing the world's biggest traffic jam.

STUDYING, COMPUTING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE IN BRITAIN

Whether you want a short course, a 2-year diploma, a B.Sc. or a Ph.D. we have the information you need. Come and visit the Education Office on Monday, 12 February or Tuesday, 13 February and access our computerised database. Our staff will be there to assist you and help find a course to suit you.

II Annual one set Play Competition

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held in May 1990. The competition is open to plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd), Best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel: 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

Singapore festival

SAS Kuwait Hotel will feature Singapore Festival on 21st and 22nd February at the tent. The oriental extravaganza will present lion dances, Chinese dances, finger painter plus elaborate buffet of popular Singaporean recipes prepared by Singaporean chefs. First of its kind in Kuwait, the show was put up in co-ordination with Singapore tourist promotion board and Singapore Airlines and aims to foster closer relations between the two countries. Tickets available at SAS Hotel front office, Tel. No. 5657000.

...Like a Hurricane!

SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cinema on 15th & 16th Feb '90. Featuring Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'n' Roll from the 80's. For information and reservation call 5730265/2543219.

SPORTS

Coaching classes

COACHING classes for new recruits, who desire to qualify as football referees, conducted by the Indian Football Referees' Association, Kuwait (IFRA), will commence from Friday, February 23, 1990. Interested candidates may contact D'Souza, Tel: 2402631-2; or Anthony Fernandes, Tel: 2445729/2431674 or any members of the committee at the Sour Ground in person for any further information.

Qualified members of any Indian states' referees' associations and/or of Asian/European referees associations are welcome to join the association as members.

Tivim Centre

"TIVIM" Centre is pleased to announce their 3rd Annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament which will be held on the Sour grounds, Kuwait City, beginning March 27/28 1990. For further information please contact organisers — 2441860 Casimiro.

7-a-side football

VARCA Sporting Centre will organise its 7th annual one day 7-a-side football tournament on February 25 at Sour Grounds to mark the Kuwait National Day. The draw will be held on Friday, February 23 at 10 am. For further details and entry forms please contact VSC members or Tel. 5331940 or 2410461 and 4765070.

At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues 3:30 to 5:30. Beginner-improvers-adults mixed keep fit classes, Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7. Fri 12:15-1:30 and 1-2:00, Sat 5-6:00. Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5:30-6:30. Martial arts w/black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6. Taekwondo Sat-Mon, 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournaments. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm - all standards; open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coach everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women; gym facilities for men and women; tennis courts - coaching available. Plus lots more. Phone for further details — Recreation Manager, 4742000 ext. 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

French festival

THE French Cultural Centre, in Co-operation with the Kuwait Cine Club, will hold the first French Festival of this year from Feb 11 to 20. Some of the best known movies from France will be screened at the chambers of commerce and industry auditorium.

Films by Philippe De Broca, Andrei Vayns, Rene Clair, Jean-Paul Rappeneau, Philippe Agostini and Sacha Guitry are among those selected for screening during the "Cinema and the French Revolution" festival.

The festival will open with Rebels, featuring Sophie Marceau and Philippe Noiret, on Saturday, Feb 10. Other films to be shown during the festival are Danton (Feb 11); July 14 (Feb 12); New World (Feb 13); Reverend Dialogues (Feb 17); When Versailles Talks (Feb 18); Rebels (Feb 19) and 1789 (Feb 20).

The French Cultural Centre, which has moved to its new premises early last month, has expanded its facilities. It is open to membership for a nominal fee. Facilities include a vast library with more than 10,000 French titles; lectures each month on topics ranging from economics to politics, a video library with a wide range of documentaries on news magazines and other facilities.

The French Cultural Centre also screens French movies each month. This month's feature is entitled "Le Lieu du Crime" (1986) featuring Catherine Deneuve and Victor Lanoux. The film screening is open to members only.

On Feb 26, they will hold a lecture on Impressions of Vietnam, by P. Buorion, who has spent several years in that country. It will be held at 5:30 pm. Open to members only.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus	Granada
Batman	Arabic film
Sakalayat	Solibikat
Hall Booked	Splitz
Al Hama	Jleeb
Challenge of Ninja	Hoshiyar
Drive-in	Almadi Drive-in
Arabic film	Arabic film
Al Firdous	Fahid
Bhai K. Dushman Bhai	5.14 am
Fahsheel	Zolar
Cyclone	12.02 pm
Al Jakers	Asr
Daku-O-Darwish	3.06
	Magreb
	5.30
	Isha
	6.49

PRAYERS



Horse and carriage imported to Kuwait

THE horse and carriage considered to be one of the touristic features all around the world has gradually arrived in Kuwait. Children and adults are attracted to this transportation facility which is characterised by beautiful decorations.

A Kuwaiti youth imported a horse and a carriage from Egypt recently. He rented it out at the Oasis (an area which established by the Ahmadi government to serve desert campers).

The pictures show children enjoying a carriage ride and the Kuwaiti importer, Anwar Al Mwaini with the carriage.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait	Al Nafan Pharmacy
	Fahid Al Salem Street
	Al Mojel Pharmacy
	Abdullah Al Mubarak Street
Hawaii & Nugra	Al Andalus Pharmacy
	Tunis Street
	Salmiya & Rumaihiya
	Al Shefa Pharmacy
	Salem Al Mubarak Street
	Fahsheel & Almadi
	Al Wafa Pharmacy
	Fahsheel
	Farwaniya
	Al Hwaila Pharmacy
	Al Mustawsaf Street
	Jahra
	Al Nahaj Pharmacy
	The Fourth Area

WE, the parents of Sandra Fernandes extend our dearest thanks and gratitude to Abdul Raheem M Al Awadi General Trading and Contract Establishment, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Zakat House, doctors of chest diseases unit at Sabah Hospital, all the Indian schools, all the benefactors and friends who rendered best possible help in making Sandra's heart operation in London a success. Also, special thanks go to Kuwait Goans for initiating the fund drive and to all Goan clubs

and associations who have stood by us. May God bless you all.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Dollar closes lower

LONDON, Feb 5, (UPI): The dollar closed lower against the major European currencies today. Gold was sharply higher as markets anticipated the release of Nelson Mandela from prison in South Africa.

The dollar closed lower in Frankfurt at 1,6755 German marks against Friday's closest 1,6870, and also was lower in Zurich at 1,4840 Swiss francs against 1,4995, in Paris at 5,6970 French francs against 5,7130, in Brussels at 35,015 Belgian francs against 35,24, and in Milan at 1,246,25 lire against 1,249,80.

In London, the pound closed higher at \$1,6955 against \$1,6815 at Friday's close.

Dealers said the US unit was undermined by disappointing US corporate figures and predictions that the Dow Jones industrial average is heading for a fall in the near future.

In Zurich, gold closed more than \$5 higher at \$423,50 per ounce against \$418 per ounce at Friday's close, and also was higher in London at \$423,25 per ounce against \$417,75 per ounce.

Following gold's strong surge, silver closed higher in Zurich at \$5,40 per ounce against \$5,30 per ounce, and also was higher in London at \$5,37 per ounce against \$5,29 per ounce.

The productivity of American workers increased at a modest 0.9 per cent last year, the smallest gain since 1982, the government said today.

Increased productivity, or getting each worker to produce more for each hour he or she works, is crucial to economic growth without inflation, especially given the current squeeze in the labour market. It also is considered a key to America's competitive position with other economic powers.

For the October-through-December quarter, non-farm productivity rose a barely perceptible 0.2 per cent, the Labour Department said. Productivity rose 2.0 per cent overall in 1988.

Output in the non-farm sector was up 3.3 per cent and average hours worked climbed 2.4 per cent, again the smallest gains posted in those areas since 1982, the Department's Bureau of Labour Statistics reported.

Manufacturers reported a 2.8 per cent productivity gain in 1989, close to the 2.7 per cent gain of 1988. Manufacturing output rose 3.7 per cent last year, down from the 6.1 per cent increase of 1988.

Meanwhile, unit labour costs, a key determinant of future price inflation, shot up 6.7 per cent for the quarter and 4.6 per cent for the year. Those costs, which reflect changes in hourly compensation as well as changes in productivity, rose by 2.7 per cent in 1988.

Oman to raise crude output

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb 5, (AP): Oman's minister of petroleum and minerals said his country plans to raise oil production to 700,000 barrels a day this year, the Middle East Economic Survey reported Monday.

The minister, said Bin Ahmed Al Shafai, told the weekly newsletter's editor Ian Seymour that the 60,000-barrel increase over 1989 levels will come from the smaller oil fields in Oman.

The country has 25 to 30 small fields that have not yet been developed and the policy is to bring on stream progressively those that are easiest and least costly to develop.

Al Shafai also expressed considerable satisfaction at recent changes in market conditions that pushed crude oil prices up into the target range of \$18 a barrel set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Cyprus-based newsletter said.

Oman is not a member of Opec but co-ordinates its policies with the world oil organisation.

Move to diversify banking services

Commercial Bank opens new brokerage department

THE chairman of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait, Hamad A.A. Al Hamad and the board of directors hosted a reception yesterday in connection with the opening of the bank's new international brokerage department.

The new international brokerage department provides a full range of brokerage services in futures, options, foreign exchange, bullion, stocks and other securities.

The objective of this new department is to diversify the banking services of the bank to cater to clients' needs in Kuwait and to provide them with a quality service. The service offers clients the facility to participate in international financial markets and to hedge their financial risks on the international futures and options exchanges.

The manager of the department, Mohammed Al Hamad, has long years of experience in brokerage services and the department's staff are well qualified and experienced in the field of brokerage and customer services.

The department is located on the 4th floor of the Kuwait Stock Exchange building. The office is open to clients from 9 am to 12.00 midnight Monday through Friday. This will give clients the opportunity to watch the prices on the international financial markets closely, even outside normal Kuwaiti banking hours.

The Commercial Bank of

Kuwait was established in 1960 and since this time has achieved remarkable growth and recognition both locally and internationally. In the case of the former, the bank has undergone continuous expansion, and in 1989 opened its 36th branch in Ardhiya. Throughout the bank network, computers are used which enable a comprehensive range of services to be provided with speed and efficiency.

In 1988, the bank became a member of the Swift group forming a link with renowned world financial centres and banks, via a highly sophisticated and unified computer network. This system enables all bank branches to process transactions directly with international correspondent banks, rather than via the head office. In addition, the bank has enhanced its ATM service which facilitates money withdrawals and inter-account fund transfers, 24 hours a day.

A particularly innovative new service offered by the Commercial Bank is the Phone Link which enables customers direct access to their accounts via the telephone line. Cashlink is another exciting service, and links customers to the bank's mainframe computer system through personal computers installed at their offices and connected via dial-up telephone lines.

By using Cashlink, customers can avail up to 15 services, such

as funds transfer, L/C application, salary payments etc. with security measures built-in.

The latest state-of-the-art finance technology is also used in the bank's dealing room where a Reuter Foreign Exchange System has been installed to provide dealers with the very latest information from the world of finance. Clearly, this has substantial impact on their ability to make speedy and accurate decisions.

The bank also issues credit cards to customers which may be used for local and international purchases. The advantages include protection against cash loss and the world-wide acceptance and security of Visa. Also, a new Auto Bank Plus card has been locally introduced which

offers three services: loans, Visa card facilities and all ATM services.

Internationally, Commercial Bank has established two full service branches in the USA: in New York and Washington DC. These provide comprehensive financial and banking services, in addition to L/Cs, financing of commercial projects, performance and tender guarantees, foreign exchange and money market operations.

The bank has also established a financial company in the USA, under the name of "CBK American Finance Ltd." for its effective participation in the US and European money markets. Furthermore, the bank has founded a financial institution called "Tijari Finance Ltd." in the United Kingdom, in addition to

its existing European Representative Office in London which specifically caters to Kuwait and European customers.

In keeping with its expansion policy, Commercial Bank has established the "Banktijari" Offshore Fund and the "Margin Account" for foreign exchange operations and bullion. This investment operation is targeted towards large investors who may diversify their funds while increasing revenues via a competent department.

According to the bank's official reports, the product is a facility that allows you to buy and sell currencies and bullion (gold and silver) in a simple and flexible manner.

It also provides a system whereby if you wish to deal in foreign currencies and bullion

markets, you will have to deposit a 10 percent cash margin with the Commercial Bank of Kuwait to enter into such transactions. You can then buy or sell foreign currencies and/or bullion with a maximum value of 10 times of the deposit.

The minimum margin deposit is \$100,000 giving you a trading line of \$1,000,000.

You do not have to physically pay or receive the currencies and/or metals that you sold or bought because the bank will credit your purchase and will debit your sales in your Margin Account.

Daily interest is paid on the margin and all credit balances while it is charged on all debt balances.

All foreign currencies and bullion held in your account will be revalued daily in relation to

the US at current spot rates of exchange.

Advantages

This facility enables you to take advantage of the movements in foreign currency and bullion prices, and react quickly to market opportunities.

By placing funds in the margin account you can trade in amounts of upto 10 times of the initial margin.

You can avoid the inconvenience of transferring funds.

You earn interest on the initial margin and all of your long currency position.

You have up-to-date reports available from the bank to monitor your profits.

You will not pay any charges or commissions or fees, but you will get competitive dealing prices.



Hamad Al Hamad pictured cutting the ribbon during the opening of new brokerage department.

A view of the audience.

Move to finance oil fields

Baghdad invites overseas firms

BAGHDAD, Feb 5, (Reuters):

Iraq is to invite foreign companies to finance the development of new oil fields in exchange for secure oil supplies and stable prices, a senior oil official said today.

Oil ministry undersecretary Sami Sharif told Reuters the door was now open to major oil firms to take part in projects to develop Iraq's vast oil reserves, put officially at about 100 billion barrels.

He said Iraq had three criteria for foreign participation, which ended in 1973 when Iraq nationalised the last remaining foreign oil company operating there.

In exchange for long-term oil supplies and stable prices, foreign partners would ensure

projects involved no additional cost for Iraq and would accept repayment in oil from the fields they develop. The percentage of production which the foreign partner can lift would depend on the size of the field and the investment involved.

"In the light of Iraq's huge reserves and the impact of the Gulf war on our economy, a high (degree of) flexibility is needed," said Sharif, who was recently appointed to chair a committee revising oil policies.

He said a review was necessary due to the extent of new oil discoveries, which would be second only to Saudi Arabia's if confirmed, and the impact of the Gulf war on the country's economy.

Sharif was responding to

Reuters' questions about press reports outside Iraq that it had

reversed its previous policies

which rejected production-sharing agreements with foreign companies.

The reports attributed the switch in Iraqi policy to a severe cash shortage since the August 1988 ceasefire in its war with Iran.

Sharif said Iraq will supply its new partners "with a certain share and for long terms to satisfy the security of supply and stability of prices."

Opec secretary-general

Subroto said recently the group

needed \$60 billion to spend on

expanding capacity from the

present 2.6 to 2.7 million barrels a

day to 32 million by the end of the decade to meet rising world demand.

In another development, the leaders of the four Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries will meet in Amman on Feb 24, a Jordanian official said today.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and North Yemeni President Ali Abdallah Saleh will join King Hussein for the two-day summit, the fourth since the ACC was founded a year ago.

The official said the rotating presidency of the ACC would pass from President Hussein to King Hussein for a year.

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investment continues to soar

Japanese move to adjust exchange rates

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

FORECAST of world and Japanese economy was the last lecture of the three-day investment and banking seminar, held during the Japan Week 1990 in Kuwait from Feb 2-6.

The General Manager of Economic Research Division of the Bank of Tokyo, Keikichi Honda, in his lecture gave a summary of the 1980s economy, including exchange rate movement.

He also spoke about the exchange rate development of different currencies such as the US dollar, yen and deutsche mark.

He added that the US dollar remained strong against the yen throughout fiscal 1989 to average about \$140 per dollar for several reasons:

■ The US economy has been on a favourable softlanding course and the imbalance in trade and



current accounts, as well as the federal budget deficit had shown some improvement. The ratio of those deficits to GNP has become smaller.

■ The difference in real interest rates between Japan and the US has continued to reflect the tight

Monetary indiscipline is the greatest failure

E. Europe set for hyperinflation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 5, (Reuters): Mountains of local currencies printed to pay for development are driving Eastern Europe towards levels of hyperinflation that could threaten democratic reform.

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The conference

World Bank approves loan for Uganda

KAMPALA, Feb 5. (Reuters): The World Bank has approved a \$125 million soft loan to aid Uganda's economic recovery, sources close to the Finance Ministry here said today.

They said the credit was approved last Thursday, in addition to a co-financing package worth \$60 million to which foreign governments would contribute.

Co-financing schemes that are currently under way cover programmes in agriculture, education, energy, health, transport and water supply, as well as macro-economic reforms.

The World Bank loan will be extended through its soft-aid arm, the International Development Agency (IDA), and is repayable over 40 years with 10 years grace. It carries a service fee of 0.75 per cent, but no interest charge.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have played a leading role in efforts to assist the government of President Yoweri Museveni to reconstruct the war-torn economy it inherited when it came to power in 1986.

A World Bank-sponsored meeting of foreign donors in December pledged \$637 million of new aid for Uganda, including 265 million from the World Bank.

This followed a three-year credit arranged with the IMF last April worth 179 million Special Drawing Rights (\$237 million) under its enhanced structural adjustment facility, set up to help very poor countries.

The IMF loan supports a three-year government programme of reforms and development aimed at maintaining economic growth of at least five per cent a year.

This would permit a two per cent annual growth in per capita income.

Museveni said last month the economy grew an estimated 6.1 per cent in 1989, down from 7.2 per cent the year before, but more than double the rate achieved in his first year of power.

Korean firm wins Libyan contract

SEOUL, South Korea, Feb 5. (AP): Dong Ah Construction Co. of South Korea has signed a contract to construct a \$5.5-billion water supply system in Libya, company officials said today.

Dong Ah officials said the contract was signed in Benghazi Sunday between Dong Ah chairman Choi Won-Suk and Mohamed Ahmed El Mangoush, secretary of management for Libya's "Great man-made river" project.

The contract is part of the second phase of a multibillion-dollar project to build tunnels to transport 2 million tons of water a day from wells in southern Libya to Tripoli and neighbouring areas.

The signing had been expected since last September, when Dong Ah was selected as a prime negotiator for the project. The Korean firm has handled the \$3.5-billion first phase since early the 1980s.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Feb 5. (Kuwa): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and reported by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.		
Buying	Selling	
US dollar	0.29005	0.29120
Sterling	0.49300	0.49380
DM	0.74900	0.74740
Sw. Fr.	0.19400	0.19500
F. Fr.	0.05000	0.05133
Ilira	0.0003324	0.0002351
Jap. yen	0.7691	0.7729
UAE Dir.	0.7993	0.7935
S. rial	0.0771	0.0770
O. rial	0.07961	0.08007
O. rial	0.7528	0.7570

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Feb 5. (Kuwa): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.		
Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/8	8-5/8
3 months	8-7/16	8-11/16
6 months	8-7/16	8-11/16
1 year	8-7/16	8-11/16

EXCHANGE RATES

	Indian rupee	0.01720
Sri Lankan rupee	0.007350	
Pakistani rupee	0.013690	
Bangladesh taka	0.008940	
US dollar	0.29100	
Pound sterling	0.493250	
UAE dirham	0.079220	
Deutsche mark	0.173700	
Japanese yen	0.002007	

Mexico, banks sign debt reduction pact

MEXICO CITY, Feb 5. (UPI): The Mexican government and representatives of private foreign banks yesterday signed a landmark debt accord that will reduce Mexico's medium-term commercial foreign debt by \$7 billion and save the country \$1.6 billion a year in interest payments.

The debt reduction agreement, assembled under the plan drawn up by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, was signed at the National Palace, at a highly publicised ceremony attended by Brady himself, International Monetary Fund director Michel Camdessus, four US Congressmen, and representatives of several American, Japanese and European banks.

Citibank president John Reed, chairman of the Credit Suisse committee that negotiated the accord, and

presidents of virtually all the 15 banks represented on the committee attended the ceremony.

Banks that did not participate in the signing will sign the document in New York on Wednesday.

"The accord is satisfactory," said Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. "The renegotiation of debt is significant for Mexico."

Salinas, who assumed office in December of 1988, had stopped short of declaring a moratorium on Mexico's foreign debt in his inaugural address, saying that "the interests of Mexicans come before those of (foreign) creditors. The priority now will be not to pay, but to return to growth."

The Mexican debt accord, the first major agreement under the Brady plan, reduces Mexico's \$48.5 billion medium-term commercial debt by \$7 billion, saves the country about \$1.6 billion in annual interest payments and brings in some \$1.5 billion in annual new loans during 1990-92.

Under the accord, annual principal payments of \$2.15 billion over the period 1990-94 have been deferred to 30 years, and annual net external transfers are reduced by about \$4 billion on average between 1990 and 1994.

The historic debt reduction package, negotiated with the 15-member bank advisory committee that represents about 450 foreign commercial banks, consists in restructuring Mexico's \$48.5 billion medium-term commercial debt under three options: first, debt reduction of 35 per cent; secondly, interest rate reduction to a fixed rate of 6.25 per cent; and finally, new loans equivalent to 25 per cent of outstanding credits.

Of Mexico's \$48.5 billion medium-term commercial debt, \$20 billion has been restructured under the first option, \$22.5 billion under the second and \$6 billion under the third option. Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe said that Mexico's total foreign debt will be about \$93.59 billion in March of this year. Mexico is the developing world's second largest debtor nation after Brazil's estimated \$115 billion.

Under the first option, banks exchange existing debt for new bonds at 35 per cent reduction. The special funds from the World Bank (\$2.06 billion), the IMF (\$1.64 billion), the government of Japan (\$2.05 billion), plus a direct commitment by Mexico (\$1.3 billion), which total about \$7 billion, will be destined to guarantee the payment of the principal of the new bonds as well as 18 months of interest,

thus improving the credit quality of the bonds.

With a part of these funds, Mexico will purchase zero coupon bonds from US Treasury, as well as from other countries, that will constitute an asset of Mexico and which, reinvested at a rate of 7.925 per cent per year for 30 years, will grow to an amount sufficient to fully cover the principal payments on the new bonds at the end of the period.

Aspe said that as a result of the latest accord with commercial banks and other debtors reached earlier with multilateral financial institutions, the net transfer of resources on servicing the foreign debt will decline from about 6 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) during 1983-88 to 2 per cent during 1989-94. Mexico's GDP for 1989 is expected to be about \$200 billion.

Aspe said that in March of this year, Mexico's total foreign debt would be equivalent to 40 per cent of the GDP compared with 60 per cent in 1987 and 57 per cent in 1988.

Although the debt accord has fallen short of initial expectations, Brady, Mexican officials and representatives of commercial banks lauded the new accord.

"The signing of Mexico's agreement with its commercial bank creditors is an important step forward," Brady said. "Significant additional benefits for Mexican people will emerge in the years ahead."

He said the Philippines and Costa Rica have made significant progress in renegotiating their foreign debt and that negotiations between commercial banks and Venezuela are currently underway.

'Sales tax must go'

Kaifu's fate, sales tax linked

TOKYO, Feb 5. (Reuters): Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu is pinning his hopes in this month's Japanese election on winning support for a controversial sales tax his party has been trying for a decade to impose on an unwilling public.

The road is strewn with casualties, and Kaifu must guard not only against political enemies but also powerful rivals within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) if he is not to lose his bones by the wayside.

The LDP first mooted the tax in 1979, but it was a full 10 years, and several disgraced prime ministers later, before it became law in effect last spring.

Its implementation, at a time when the opposition was already riding high over LDP involvement in a string of scandals, proved a key factor in dragging the party to defeat in upper house elections in July.

Polls showed the LDP, in total control of parliament for most of the post-war years, lost due to public anger over the tax together with the recruit "shares for favours" scandal.

Judging by an unprecedented television debate on Friday, the tax will again be at the heart of campaigning for the February 15 lower house election.

Leaders of the four main opposition parties, with centrist Japan Socialist Party leader Takao Doi leading the charge, ripped into Kaifu over the LDP's refusal to repeal the tax.

The LDP has held out on the sales tax... it told the public several years ago it was not going to introduce such a consumer tax," Doi said during the televised debate.

Polls have consistently shown voter resentment at what was seen as an LDP effort to increase the taxpayer's burden.

The ruling party has argued with little success that the three per cent tax, imposed on all goods and services, is a

stable source of revenue needed to reduce the budget deficit, cope with higher welfare spending for an increasingly elderly population, and avoid hikes in already steep income tax rates.

Opposition spokesmen dispute the government's projections, and say a sales tax is not the best way to meet the increased budgetary demand.

The average voter disliked the measure on a much less theoretical level — apart from fuelling inflation, the tax also meant an end to round-figure prices in the shops.

It hugely complicated traders' book-keeping and infuriated consumers, particularly women, who resent the need to carry purses full of tiny one-yen coins worth less than one US cent to pay for any purchase.

Since the LDP first tried to introduce it in 1979, the tax has proved a curse to successive prime ministers, including Kaifu's predecessor, Souki Uno.

Uno's predecessors Noboru Takeshita, Yasuhiro Nakasone and Masayoshi Ohira all suffered severe setbacks and major drops in popularity when they pushed the tax.

Takeshita, last of the three, finally pushed the tax through parliament, but the ramrod tactics he used helped green the aisle for his own departure from office.

The LDP is in a classic bind. Failure to take proper measures on the economy and currency union, which it has been pushing since 1985, will bring an immediate political disaster to the LDP.

But the question now is whether the long-drawn-out debate will bring an immediate election disaster to the LDP.

Opposition parties are adamant: the sales tax must go, arguing it puts an unfair burden on people with low income and sets a precedent for unneeded tax increases.

The LDP itself has already backed away a bit in an effort to revive its popularity. It recommended last December an exemption for the sales of food at retail levels.

Birth of German economic superpower awaited

BONN, Feb 5. (Reuters): Europeans face the imminent prospect of a new economic superpower in their midst as East and West German politicians press home the case for economic and currency union ahead of political reunification.

"It is a matter of urgency that we should at once begin discussions on economic and currency union," West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told reporters in East Berlin yesterday.

The flood of about 2,000 East Germans a day to the West — \$8,000 in January alone — is undermining East Germany's economy and forcing politicians to try to improve living standards to stop the rot.

"Help must come immediately, or even more people will leave," Genscher said.

Lothar de Maiziere, chairman of East Germany's Christian Democratic Union, was quoted in the latest edition of the news magazine *Der Spiegel* as saying: "The situation is so instable that a collapse cannot be excluded."

Economic union would give West German industry, Europe's most powerful, access to East Germany's pool of skilled workers and a golden opportunity to meet demand for Western goods and modernise a dilapidated industrial base.

West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel has raised the possibility of introducing the West German mark as currency in East Germany as soon as a free market economy is introduced.

Rebuilding East Germany's industry, Eastern Europe's most advanced but obsolete by Western standards, will need huge capital investment by West Germany.

The payoff is likely to be a second German economic miracle in East Germany and a continued economic boom in West Germany.

"If East Germany really wants economic and monetary union after its elections (on March 18), it will give the economy a jolt like the one we had after World War Two," Waigel said in an interview published yesterday.

Short-dated KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Feb 5. (Reuters): Short rates were well traded in Kuwait's dinar deposit market while long rates dealing was quiet, dealers said.

Overnight and tomorrow-next rates set to 8-3/8 1/4 while spot-next and one week were unchanged from Sunday's 8-5/8 3/8. One to three months was also set at 8-5/8 3/8.

"The long rates market was quiet, all the action today was in the short rates," one dealer said.

Six months and one year were set at 8-1/8 1/2 from Sunday's 8-7/16 11/16. The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate to 0.29030/40 to the dollar from Sunday's 0.29060/70.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were steady to easier in a fairly active market today, dealers said.

They said mainly short-dates, one and two month maturities were traded and adequate liquidity remained in the system.

Spot-next, value date Wednesday, was seen around 7-3/8, 6-7/8 per cent and one week around 7-5/8, 1/4.

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Couple records history of blues

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, (UPI): Sam and Ann Charters set out in the 1950s to capture the blues of the rural south, and found a black culture locked inside a cage of bigotry and poverty.

"Blues faces: 1950-1987," the couple's photographic record of black blues artists, opened this month as part of Brown University's celebration of black history month.

The Charters spent nearly two decades searching for older blues musicians of the rural south and their young disciples in Chicago and other northern cities, documenting the many artists who dominated the black record market of the 1920s and 1930s, only to sink into obscurity in post-war America.

"The only record we'll have on the black culture prior to World War II is going to be the blues. It's all we've got," Sam Charters says.

In 1950, he traveled to New Orleans in search of the roots of jazz. When he got there, the jazzmen told him to talk to blues musicians in the upper Mississippi River Delta. Charters began recording their music and their lives.

"I stepped into the African-American community and these musicians became my mentors," he said. "This culture might as well have come from another planet for a middle-class, white kid like me."

Sam has made a career of studying, writing about and producing various forms of folk and popular music. Ann is an associate dean at Brown University. They met in 1954 and travelled through the south until 1967, tracking down the blues artists by word of mouth.

Sam recorded the music and oral history of these musicians while his wife photographed them.

"Most of the 1950s was spent in broken-down cars and in rundown motels looking in every part of the south for these artists who had created the blues," Sam said.

Like photographs in their exhibit show the honesty, pride and pain of black culture in the United States. There is a depth and meaning not found in the glossy, posed photographs of today's music stars.

"I tried to get the sincerity and spirit of their lives," Ann said. "Whenever possible I tried to include in the picture some kind of clue to the lives of these musicians."

Most portraits are candid shots, taken while the musicians were playing at home or in a club. Each gives a clue to the time and culture in which the artist lived.

Legendary Chicago pianist Otis Spann is seated at his piano in a 1967 black and white photo. His hands are slightly blurred and his eyes look away from the camera and into the distance, as if he is thinking about something painful.

Atop his piano, slightly out of focus, sit an ashtray filled with cigarette butts and a half-empty mug of beer. Those two clues reveal the time and culture that Ann Charters spoke of depicting: A southside Chicago bar, where blues music was a staple.

It was impossible to photograph the artists without including the realities of the time, Ann said, noting that she and her husband traveled the south at the height of the civil rights movement.

"It was all political. Everything we did was an attempt to bring political change. We had this whole culture that had been ignored and shut out by white America," Sam said.

A 1962 portrait of Furry Lewis at Memphis home shows him playing his guitar, the instrument cradled in his arms. His gray hair and dark, furrowed face show his age and character.

Lewis was a blues recording artist of the 1920s. When the Charters found him in 1962, he was a Memphis street sweeper. He welcomed the Charters because he realized it was his only chance to document his life and his craft. He told them his neighbours did not believe he once was a respected bluesman.

Poverty and racism are the backdrop to many of the photos, which also speak about the triumph of the blues artists. Many of the older artists went on to become stars in the 1960s when blues music enjoyed a revival.

When the Charters photographed Sleepy John Estes in 1962, he was living with his retarded wife and their children in a run-down wooden shack in Brownsville, Texas.

The photos show his hands folded in his lap with his right arm draped over his worn guitar.



Tammy saved by a miracle

Bright new future

By Frances Hubbard

TAMMY HILL is a bright, lively 11-year-old who loves Kylie Minogue records and plans to be a nurse when she grows up. But until 13 months ago she was doomed to die early.

Tammy suffers from a rare heart disease that means she can't remove cholesterol from her blood vessels. The result is killer heart attacks which usually strike before the 25th birthday.

But a revolutionary medical technique has given Tammy hope for a bright new future. An amazing machine does the work that her body cannot: by skimming off the cholesterol that would have blocked her arteries.

Tammy is the first child in Britain to be saved by this miraculous technology. She goes to hospital twice a month for her two-hour treatments. There, her blood is "cleaned" by being pumped through a complicated system of filters.

Her mother, Ethel, told me: "We're more grateful than words can say that Tammy's been chosen to use this wonderful machine. She's very lucky. She's been given the chance to lead a full adult life, instead of having it snatched away from her."

But the machine, which costs nearly £17,000 a year for each patient, needs some help to keep the cholesterol count down. Tammy has to follow rigid instructions on what she can, and cannot, eat.

Luxuries such as cakes, crisps and chocolate are all strictly limited. And naughty-but-nice cream is saved for special occasions.

Most 11-year-olds take munching on a burger and french fries for granted. But Tammy can only enjoy her favourite food, chips, on high days and holidays ... and then, only if they are cooked in sunflower oil.

The whole family has changed to low-fat rations since Tammy's illness was diagnosed — and they say that they feel better for it.

I met them at their home in Accrington, Lancashire. Tammy looked pale and thin but she was brimming with energy as she played with her seven-year-old sister Jacqueline.

Tammy's stepfather of nine years, Jack Clark, told me: "We've all changed our eating habits a great deal since she was given a low cholesterol diet to follow."

"Heavy fried breakfasts are right out the window and we're chomping through more fresh fruit and vegetables, with lots of salad..."

"I can't say I'm any slimmer now, but I do feel healthier on it. Though the cat and I both hate the taste of skinned milk."

"All the same, if Tammy really deserved a treat, we'd give in and let her have the odd cake or biscuit. There's no point in making her feel deprived or miserable."

Putting a protective arm around Tammy's shoulder, her mother Ethel remembered how they discovered that Tammy had the disease of hypercholesterolemia.

She said: "We noticed that Tammy was coming home from school on certain days looking white as a sheet and ready to faint. We worked out that this was on the days when she had physical education lessons. Our doctor referred her to hospital, where they found that she had a heart murmur that needed an operation to patch up. It was while she was actually lying on the operating table that they realised she had way above average cholesterol levels for a child of her age."

Jack added: "You could say it was providential, because if it were not for the heart problem we'd never have spotted the disease."

"Tammy didn't really look unwell, so there was nothing obvious to go on. But she would have had a lot of problems when she reached 20 or so. Without treatment, she would probably have died from a major heart attack."

Jack is optimistic about Tammy's prospects, despite recent setbacks. He said: "There was a marked improvement in her condition after the heart operation."

"The heart specialists now say that there's a slight blockage of the arteries again. They're going to investigate, anyway. We have great faith in them, though, and we trust them with Tammy's health."

Hypercholesterolemia is a hereditary disease, which is passed on to children through a rare combination of genes from their mother and father.

Tammy's mum, suffers from a mild form of high cholesterol. She has angina, which means that the blood flow to her heart is restricted.

Movement is painful for her and she's been forced to give up work as a school canteen lady until she feels better.

Tammy's sisters Pat, aged 18, Jacqueline, and her brother Derek, aged 16, have all been tested for the deadly disease. But they were given the all-clear by doctors.

Tammy will have to keep having her treatment for the rest of her life, unless a new wonder-drug to remove cholesterol is discovered.

Jack and Ethel brush aside the inconvenience of the 100-mile trips to Liverpool twice a month. Jack said: "After all, it's only two days out of 30, and that's not much of a price for keeping Tammy well."

"I think she enjoys seeing the doctors and nurses at the hospital. She tells us that they're fantastic. And she's made friends with other children there."

"She's very brave about having those big needles stuck into her. She hardly makes a murmur. I'm sure I'd make more fuss myself."

JANUARY

Velazquez masterpieces on show in Madrid museum

MADRID. (UPI): Almost all surviving works of Diego Velazquez, Spain's greatest "golden century" master, are finally on show together at what the Prado Museum's director calls the most important event in its history.

Art experts say 90 paintings definitely by Velazquez have survived. Thanks to rare loans from galleries and private collectors throughout Europe and the United States, the Madrid museum has assembled 79 of them.

Spain's Banco Hispano Americano, which is sponsoring the exhibition, says it has spent 40 billion pesetas (\$367 million) just on insuring the paintings.

Works lent by foreign galleries arrived surrounded by a level of security that Prado officials say is "usually reserved for heads of state."

Prado director Alfredo Perez Sanchez said the exhibition, opened by King Juan Carlos last month and running until

March 30, was the most important event in the museum's history.

"We sought to show a total, entirely pure Velazquez, beyond suspicion," Perez Sanchez told a recent news conference.

Although the core of the exhibition comes from the Prado's extensive Velazquez collection, many foreign galleries and collectors have pitched in, lending some of their most treasured possessions.

They include works representative of all the styles tackled by the 17th century artist throughout his creative life — portraits, genre paintings, religious and mythological pictures.

London's national gallery lent its Venus del Espejo, Velazquez' only portrayal of a nude. Experts say the painting, known as the Rokeby Venus, is unlikely ever to be lent again.

The painting's eroticism so provoked pioneer feminist Mary Richardson as it

hung in the national gallery in 1913 that she defaced it.

While it's in Madrid, Prado officials are being more careful: the day of its arrival -- kept secret for security reasons -- the Venus was met at the airport by an armoured van with helicopter escort.

New York's metropolitan, which last year held its own, smaller Velazquez show to which the Prado contributed 17 paintings, sent two major portraits including the celebrated picture of Velazquez' mixed-race servant, "Juan de Pareja."

Perez Sanchez said he first recognised the possibility of holding a major Velazquez show when the Met approached him, asking for a loan.

He realised that he would be able to ask the Met to reciprocate by lending its celebrated "Juan de Pareja," and by persuading other galleries to contribute to an unprecedented exhibition of Spain's golden century master.

Irish and Scottish museums have contributed early works, not a strong point of the Prado's own collection. The "Old Woman Cooking Eggs" from the Edinburgh National Gallery is one such picture from Velazquez' days as an apprentice in Seville, where he was born in 1599.

Portraits, many of them of Velazquez' life-long patron, Spanish King Philip IV, and of his family, punctuate the tour through the Prado's majestic rooms, hung with beige brocade.

Velazquez, who became the king's painter soon after he moved to Madrid at the age of 24, was seldom to leave Philip's court, acting in various official capacities which were rewarded with the kingdom's highest distinction, the Order of Santiago.

Because of that royal connection, the Prado's show is more than the most comprehensive display ever of his works, said the museum's director of Spanish paintings, Juan Miguel Serrera.

I'll stop leaning of Pisa Tower

Cost only £500,000, claims Watkins

THE legendary leaning Tower of Pisa could be just a pile of rubble in a year's time, according to British inventor Cecil Watkins ... unless they put his plan into operation.

Each year, Italy's most famous tourist attraction leans over one vital centimetre more. An 81-year-old Watkins, a professor of engineering, claims the ancient monument will soon collapse if the Italians don't act immediately.

He says: "It's now or never! The tower is like a car racing downhill without any brakes."

No-one has been able to come up with a solution to save the tower ... until now. For Cecil believes his answer is quite simple.

He wants to spike the base of the tower with a massive metal girder, supported by extra foundations. These would be built on either side of the building.

"I've had more trouble with the people than with the designs

to restore the tower.

"They take the attitude that, if the tower has lasted this long, it won't fall down now."

The officials, who have £4 million available to spend on the tower, are still debating the issue. But the tower has been closed to the public, for three months of repairs.

Cecil adds: "Money really doesn't come into saving a building like this. The most important thing is that something is done before it's too late. If we don't act now, it will fall down while we sit here pondering which plans to use."

"I was fed up watching all the debates — that's why I drew up the idea on my own. As a trained engineer, I know just what's required."

"I presented my plans to the head of the restoration team led by Professor Michele Jamiolkowski at the Polytechnic of Turin and he seemed very impressed."

Cecil, who has made a lucrative career from his inventions, including an automatic hair shampooer, adds: "I carried out a survey on the tower 30 years ago. It is an extraordinary building for the period. I told the Italians then it was beginning to lean over too much, and I said I could repair it for them."

"Now it is five and a half degrees out too far. Even four degrees is too much. But the situation is becoming critical."

"The problem is that the sand in the foundations has dried out. This makes the structure unstable. The builder, Bonanno Pisano, nearly got it right. His design was fine, but he built the tower in the wrong place."

"I'm the only one to put up an idea that will work. The leaning tower is a treasure, a wonder of the world, and I would love to save it."

Cecil, who lives in a seafront home in Hove, Sussex, claims to be a descendant of Vincent Watkins, the partner of the legendary Victorian railway engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

He is the picture of the typical eccentric English inventor with his neatly-trimmed beard and flamboyant cravat. And Cecil

has a plaque outside his home that tells visitors: "Cecil Watkins lives here NOW!"

Inside, the house is full of gadgets and inventions, including a telephone which folds into the wardrobe. Even the ordinary-looking mantelpieces can be suddenly pulled out to form beds.

Cecil's other inventions have included a wheelchair for going upstairs, car headlamps that dip automatically when faced with the lights from on-coming vehicles, a blind that automatically opens when the sun comes out and closes when it goes in.

The professor, who once hosted an inventor's television programme on television, recalls: "As a boy, I was always interested in mechanical objects. I loved to take things apart and put them back together. It really fascinated me to discover how machinery worked."

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: A recent article in my local paper said that the number of people infected with AIDS was much less than predicted. Doesn't this prove that there was a lot of political pressure put on the government to spend money for AIDS, when the problem wasn't that great?

ANSWER: I believe you are referring to the recent report by the US Centres for Disease Control, which stated that between 800,000 and 1.3 million Americans are infected with the HIV virus, about 15 per cent under previous predictions. And I believe I catch your drift, implying that the previous report might have been exaggerated to obtain additional attention to the needs of these patients.

First let me state that one of the glories of this country is the ability of any group of individuals with a cause to influence the government to respond to their needs. "Political pressure" as you put it, or "political action" as I call it, is a big plus in the way we run our society.

As for the statistics, I don't believe there was ever any fudging in the calculations of the old numbers. To me, the new figures represent a victory of the educational efforts put forth by the government, the medical profession, and the many groups organised to get out the message. But I still worry about the number of cases that may go unreported, of the number of individuals who may be infected and still are unaware, and the fact that we still have no effective cure for the disease.

The diagnosis of AIDS continues to represent a death sentence for many, and the need for research is still with us. I can't in good conscience write off 1 million Americans who already are infected. The problem remains with us and is one of considerable importance, meriting research, study and continued action.

QUESTION: Regarding diverticulitis, what are the early signs of such a condition, and if it is confirmed, what type

of diet is recommended?

ANSWER: To suffer from diverticulitis, which is an acute situation, you must first have diverticulosis. Diverticulosis is a condition where many small sacs or diverticula push through the muscle wall of the colon. Thirty percent of people over the age of 50 may have these small sacs, or herniations, protruding through their colons. It is believed that they are caused by a lack of bulk in the diet, and resulting spasms of the colon muscles, which produce the pressure necessary to form the sacs.

Happy birthday



Ibrahim Ziaudeen turns 4 today February 6.



Aisha Amin turned 4 on February 5



Divya Kakuzhyil turned 3 on February 3



Shayne De Cunha turned 5 on February 5



Roshani Ranawaka turns 15 on February 7



Kingsley Kanagaraj turned 11 on February 1



Lakshmi Narayanaswami turns 5 on February 7



Mirza Baig turned 7 on January 29



Krisantha Perera turned 1 on February 5.



Haneen Ghabra turns 9 today February 6.



Russell Rodrigues turns 8 on February 7.



Pearson Rayan turned 8 on February 5



Maher Gazzar turned 8 on February 1.



Islam and Aaya El Khatib turned 2 on February 3



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Variety

Bestsellers' list Dalgliesh makes a comeback

Fiction

1. *A Ruling Passion* — Judith Michael (No. 9 last week — 5,137 copies ordered)
2. *The Great Waldo Search* — Martin Handford (3 — 4,179)
3. *The Big Place* — Dean Koontz (1 — 3,809)
4. *Vineyard* — Thomas Pynchon (2 — 2,673)
5. *Harmful Intent* — Robert Cook (2 — 2,641)
6. *The Great and Secret Show* — Clive Barker (6 — 2,497)
7. *Cold Harbour* — Jack Higgins (4 — 1,973)
8. *Counterattack* — W.E.B. Griffin (1,973)
9. *White Ninja* — Eric Van Lustbader (8 — 1,866)
10. *Where's Waldo?* — Martin Handford (10 — 1,766)

Non-Fiction

1. *Barbarians at the Gate* — Bryan Burrough & John Helyar (8 — 3,846)
2. *Megatrends 2000* — John Naisbitt & Patricia Aburdene (2 — 3,714)
3. *Lies! Lies!* — Michael Lewis (3 — 3,371)
4. *Wealth Without Risk* — Charles Givens (4 — 2,285)
5. *It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It* — Robert Fulghum (7 — 1,853)
6. *The Tempting of America* — Robert Bork (1 — 1,806)
7. *The Emperor's New Mind* — Roger Penrose (10 — 1,741)
8. *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* — Robert Fulghum (6 — 1,512)
9. *Cuckoo's Egg* — Clifford Stoll (5 — 1,331)
10. *The Language of Flowers* — Sheila Pickles (1,326)

Mass Paperbacks

1. *The Gundlinger* — Stephen King (10 — 5,701)
2. *Web of Dreams* — V.C. Andrews (8 — 5,439)
3. *Mutation* — Robin Cook (5,333)
4. *Born on the Fourth of July* — Ron Kovic (3 — 4,481)
5. *Desperado's Drug Wars* — Elaine Shannon (4 — 4,431)
6. *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* — Robert Fulghum (1 — 4,168)
7. *How to Win at Nintendo Games Vol. 2* — Jeff Rovin (3,953)
8. *Too Deep for Tears* — Kathryn Lynn Davis (3,185)
9. *Night Storm* — Catherine Coulter (3,091)
10. *The New Kids on the Block* — Grace Catalano (9 — 2,839)

Trade Paperbacks

1. *Fifty Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth* — Earthworks Project (2 — 9,883)
2. *Compute's guide to Nintendo Games* — Steven Schwartz (5,117)
3. *Birnbaum's Walt Disney World 1990* — Steve Birnbaum (303)
4. *The Prehistory of the Far Side, 10th Anniversary Edition* — Gary Larson (3 — 3,866)
5. *The New Basics Cookbook* — Julie Rosso & Sheila Lukins (3 — 028)
6. *Love You Forever* — Robert Munsch (8 — 2,935)
7. *Codependent No More* — Melody Beattie (7 — 2,410)
8. *One Up on Wall Street* — Peter Lynch (2,304)
9. *Healing the Shame that Binds* — John Bradshaw (5 — 2,273)
10. *The T-Factor Gram Counter* — Martin Katahn (10 — 2,263)

Rankings based on orders to Ingram Book Co. from more than 7,000 booksellers nationwide.

DEVICES AND DESIRES by P.D. James (Knopf, 433 pp., \$19.95)

gling to raise four children after the death of his wife.

As usual, James is superb at characterisation, letting readers into the lives of the characters. This is always the most pleasant part of reading her work.

Still, "Devices and Desires" takes some effort to get into.

Perhaps because of the large number of characters, perhaps because of the technical language about how a nuclear power station works, the book doesn't always crackle the way the best of James does. In the end, however, she comes through with a first rate mystery that is, as always, much more. (UPI)

EMPEROR OF AMERICA, by Richard Condon (Simon and Schuster)

Even after 25 books, Richard Condon apparently has a thing or two to learn about writing political satire.

For one thing, it ought to be funny.

For another, it ought to be incisive and thought-provoking. "Emperor of America" is none of those, and less.

Condon's novel is the tale of a successful but naive and manipulative army officer, Cesare Appleton, hero of the defence of (in the first 20 pages) Portugal, Hungary, Southeast Asia and Argentina against the maraud-

ing Nicaraguan Sandinista horde.

Appleton is elevated by a succession of improbable circumstances — including the nuclear incineration of the district of Columbia to the throne of the American empire.

The real power, though, is held by the fabulously rich royalists, who take the Reagan revolution to what they consider its logical extreme in an effort to, as the most simoniac of these characters repeatedly puts it, "Get The Money."

Certainly, Ronald Reagan, as a major figure in recent history, remains fair game for political satire.

But Garry Trudeau, Mark Russell and their contemporaries have nothing to fear from this artless, puerile exercise in Reagan bashing.

It is not clever. It is not funny. It is not incisive.

It is redundant. It is didactic. It is largely boring and dumb. It is, in places, ineptly written and evidently unedited.

It is not worth your time. (UPI)

MISTLETOE MYSTERIES, collected by Charlotte MacLeod (Mysterious Press)

If your Christmas didn't live up to your expectations, spare some pity for the poor people in

Charlotte MacLeod's short story collection. Instead of carols they all got crime, mostly murder.

The stories in "Mistletoe Mysteries" were "written expressly for this anthology," something that often translates into buyer beware. Not in this case.

MacLeod has gathered entries from the likes of Isaac Asimov and Mary Higgins Clark; from Marcia Muller and Howard Engel. She has put one of her own under the tree as well, and each is a pleasure to open.

If you like mysteries and didn't get suitable reading matter from Santa, treat yourself to this book. (UPI)

OUTLAW, by Warren Kiefer

The key to enjoying "Outlaw," a wonderfully moving and thoroughly engrossing novel by Warren Kiefer, is to prepare for the experience by insisting on privacy while reading.

You'll learn to resent interruption and to love isolation with this well-crafted historical fiction.

The story is told in the first person, with 89-year-old Lee Garfield beginning with Apaches killing his parents in his native New Mexico. He then proceeds to detail a life as a cowboy/cattle-rustler, mercenary, banker, oilman, lover, loyal friend and vicious enemy.

Metheny's dancing rhythms

Maths-like challenge

BOSTON, (UPI): If Pat Metheny hadn't fallen in love with the guitar when he was a kid growing up outside Kansas City, chances are he might be teaching math today.

While Metheny writes instrumental compositions rich with dancing rhythms and catchy melodies, he finds the creative process itself to be a math-like challenge.

"Generally, I try to solve musical problems. It is an unromantic way to put it, even though I try to satisfy the listener that lives within me," Metheny says. "If I have two notes, the generally suggests what the third note should be. I spend a lot of time trying to find the appropriate third note."

"It is very difficult for me to write. I love it, but I can't say it is fun. It is painful — the feeling that you have something on the tip of your tongue but you can't quite say it. To have that feeling for 8 to 10 hours a day for two or three weeks in a row is tough."

Metheny, 33, who is based in nearby Cambridge, reflected on his career and his writing during a recent brief break in a global tour that took his band, Pat Metheny group, across the United States and Europe and his now headed to South America and Japan.

Last year's "Letter From Home" was his 14th recording in the past 13 years. That highly productive — and high quality — output has earned him a slew of Grammy nominations and two awards in the jazz fusion category.

Metheny recently recorded with Brazilian guitarist Tortinho Horta and also appears on "fusion," the stunning new recording by former boss Gary Burton, with whom he will tour for three weeks this spring for the first time in 14 years.

A trio album, "parallel realities," with drummer Jack DeJohnette and pianist Herbie Hancock will be released in April and followed with a two-month summer tour with DeJohnette, Hancock and bassist Dave Holland.

Metheny co-produced the DeJohnette session and wrote four of the times. "Jack's idea was to cover a lot of musical ground — straightforward, free stuff, melodic stuff and a lot of 'Scylla and Charybdis' work. It was such a blast," Metheny says.

"I don't think it is an earth-shattering record. There are no new concepts, but it is solid. With lots of listening, you hear a lot of things on there you don't hear the first time."

Jack and I prepared the music together, knowing Herbie could just come in and play. It almost doesn't matter what he plays in terms of notes. His sound and touch and feel are at such a high level, there are so many things going on there."

Metheny is uncomfortable with the "fusion" label that dogs his highly improvised music.

"I hate the term," he says. "I always have. It is such a strange word.

To imply that there is more merging together of musicians and styles than ever before in the past is incorrect to me. In the whole history of jazz, there is a clear and strong tradition of people using whatever sources they could when playing. This is a critical element in jazz."

"Jazz guys were always the first to adapt to new things: The drum set, the saxophone, the synthesizer. What we are doing, particularly with my band, is just an extension of that tradition."

Metheny splits his playing between acoustic and electric guitars and a synthesizer-enhanced guitar that is linked to a synthesizer digital music system.

The electronic enhancements open up a lot of possibilities, but Metheny says it takes a lot of work to iron out developmental bugs in the equipment.

"These things have a very limited dynamic range in their out-of-the-box stage. You have to work harder to make them sound good. You are putting two or three levels of things between what you are playing and what the audience is hearing, which means the conception has to be twice as strong to make the trip."

How cars, coal choke Europeans

DUBLIN, (Reuters): Smog blanketing Dublin became so thick that midday looked more like midnight on its gloomy streets.

In Athens, a filthy brown cloud hovers almost daily over the ancient city, sending the elderly to hospitals in droves.

In Milan, the mayor banned lorries, urged motorists to abandon their cars and told people to turn down their heating.

Across the heavily industrialised and densely populated countries of Western Europe, cars and coal are the main cause of the smog poisoning the air.

But their problems pale in comparison with the environmental headaches of Eastern Europe, shaking off communism and battling to establish market-oriented economies but facing colossal

pollution problems that have been ignored for years.

A one-hour stroll in Budapest is said to be as bad for your lungs as a pack of cigarettes. Broadcasts regularly warn against taking children outdoors during winter smogs.

In grimy East German city of Bitterfeld, the air is so bad that schoolchildren are sent to a Baltic resort for a month every year to breathe freely again.

Prague's Hradcany Castle gives a panoramic view of the heavy smog floating over the Czechoslovakian capital on all the windiest of days.

In the medieval Polish City of Krakow, the faces on the ancient sandstone statues have crumbled away amid the fumes from a giant steel mill.

Pollution knows no frontiers and the

problem, as a Reuter survey across the capitals of Europe showed, is finding enough money combined with enough political will to eradicate the choking clouds poisoning millions of people.

Rainer Frommann, environmental commissioner in Bitterfeld, put the case succinctly for Eastern Europe when reviving controls at its antiquated plants.

"Trying to put a Western anti-pollution device on these factories would be like putting a gold watch on the wrist of a corpse," he said.

The main smog culprit on Hungarian streets is its ageing stock of East bloc cars which on average are about nine years old. Spreading the use of lead-free petrol and introducing catalytic converters appear to have been shelved for lack of

resources. Krakow is on a United Nations list of treasures of humanity's heritage. Local authorities have ordered the steel mill there to reduce its production by a third but that could take years.

Pollution has fallen by 20 per cent in Warsaw since January 1 when the government doubled the price of petrol, forcing many drivers to use public transport.

Western European governments have also had to take drastic measures to curb the excesses of affluent car owners.

When Milan Mayor Paolo Pillitteri introduced an experimental Sunday ban on all cars, pollution was cut by a third and citizens took to the streets, skateboards, horses and bicycles.

Car fumes and industrial emissions

trapped within the ring of hills surrounding Athens forced the government to take emergency measures — banning private cars from the city centre, closing schools and cutting industrial fuel consumption by half.

Athens wants to host the 1996 Olympics. A Soviet marathon runner competing in the European championships there gave his verdict: "My lungs hurt. It is a crime that races take place in such a dirty atmosphere."

Athens had pledged to make the environment a top priority during its current six-month presidency of the European Economic Community.

Environment minister Padraig Flynn matched the promise with a one billion punt (\$1.5 billion) package of measures to clean up the "Emerald Isle."

Colour in the pictures and fill in the space below each.



February Spaces

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Why Ma?

Why Ma, Why Ma,
why is this,
why do I ask questions,
and get all in a tiz.

I don't know all the
answers.
I'm sure that you do
though.
so that is why I'm asking
so many in a row.

It's the only way I learn Ma,
to go non stop talk all day;
but Ma I'm oh so grateful,
that you listen to me that
way.

Julie Hodgson.

If the sky is blue and grass is
green,
then why are cows so
brown?
why aren't they as green as
the grass that they eat,
which is always gobbled
down.

It's plain to see, the more
you ask,
the more you want to learn,
and I ask and ask, and
never tire,
of the things that make me
yearn.

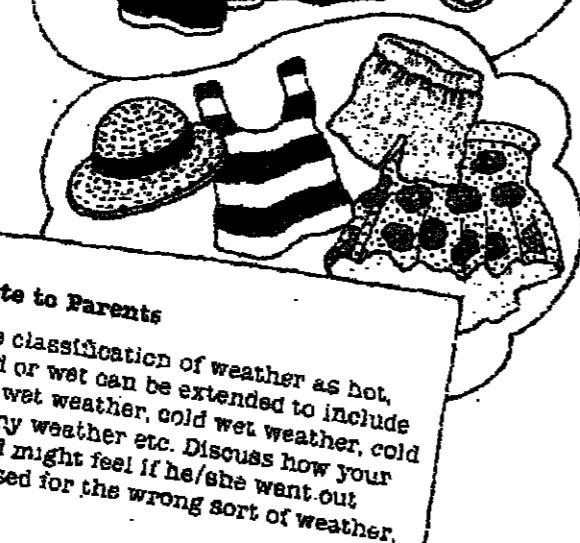
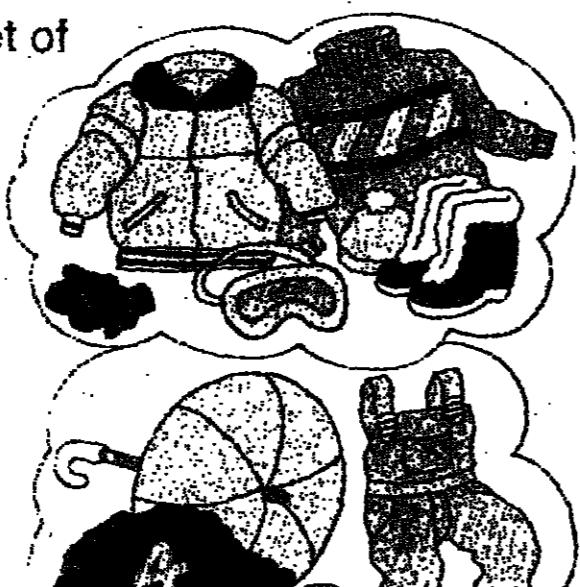


Join the science gang

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weather pictures.



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Wordsearch
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ANNE (wife)	MARY (mother)
APRIL (born & died)	MASTERY
AVON	PLAYWRIGHT
BACON	POET
BEST	QUOTED
BURBAGE (partner)	REGARD
COLLABORATION	SOLILOQUY
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COURT	STAGE
DRAMATIST	STRATFORD
ENGLISH	SUSANNA (daughter)
GENIUS	TALENT
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GREAT	TRAGEDIES
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JOHN (father)	WITTY
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Dear Junior readers,

On rainy days, such as those we experienced this week, people are confined to staying at home except if absolutely necessary. If television and video were the only means of pastime, people would soon become extremely bored with their comfortable homes.

Perhaps board games are the most common and most educating indoor group pastime. There is such a large, reasonably priced, variety of these games on the market: Cludo, Who killed who?, Snakes and Ladders, Frustration, Monopoly, Risk, Scrabble and many

more. It is worthwhile to save some of your pocket money and, with help from your parents, buy a small variety of these games — perhaps a three in one box — for these indoor days.

To make the games more exciting, keep a scoreboard and aim at becoming the Grand Winner.

If your younger brothers/sisters wish to join in the fun, please don't push them out. Give them simple tasks to do like keeping the scoreboard. They can draw a line under the respective name each time someone wins?

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Five currant buns in
the baker's shop,
Big and fat with sugar
on the top.
Along came a boy(girl)
with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun
And took it away.
(Continue rhyme with
'Four currant buns' etc.)



Order! Order!
Who is third? The Ring him.



Who is seventh? The Ring him.



Who is fourth? The Ring him.

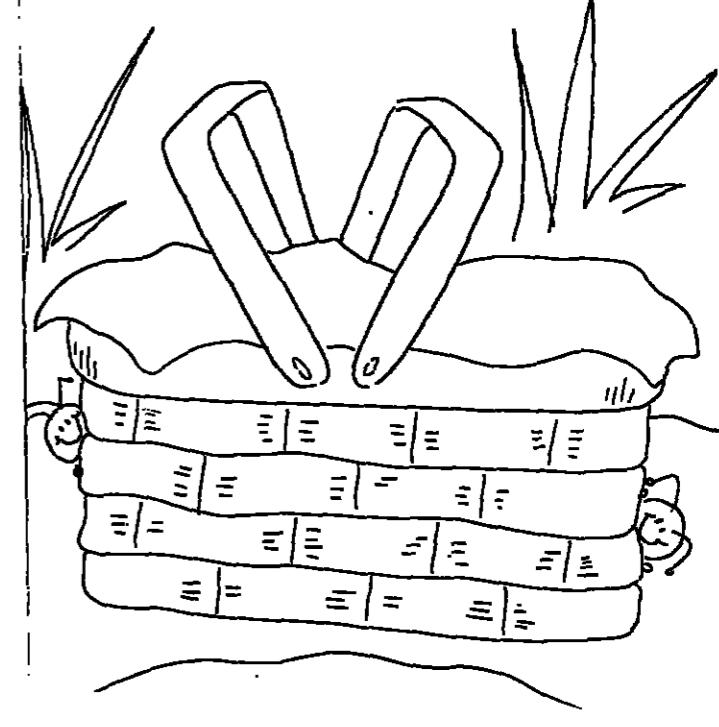


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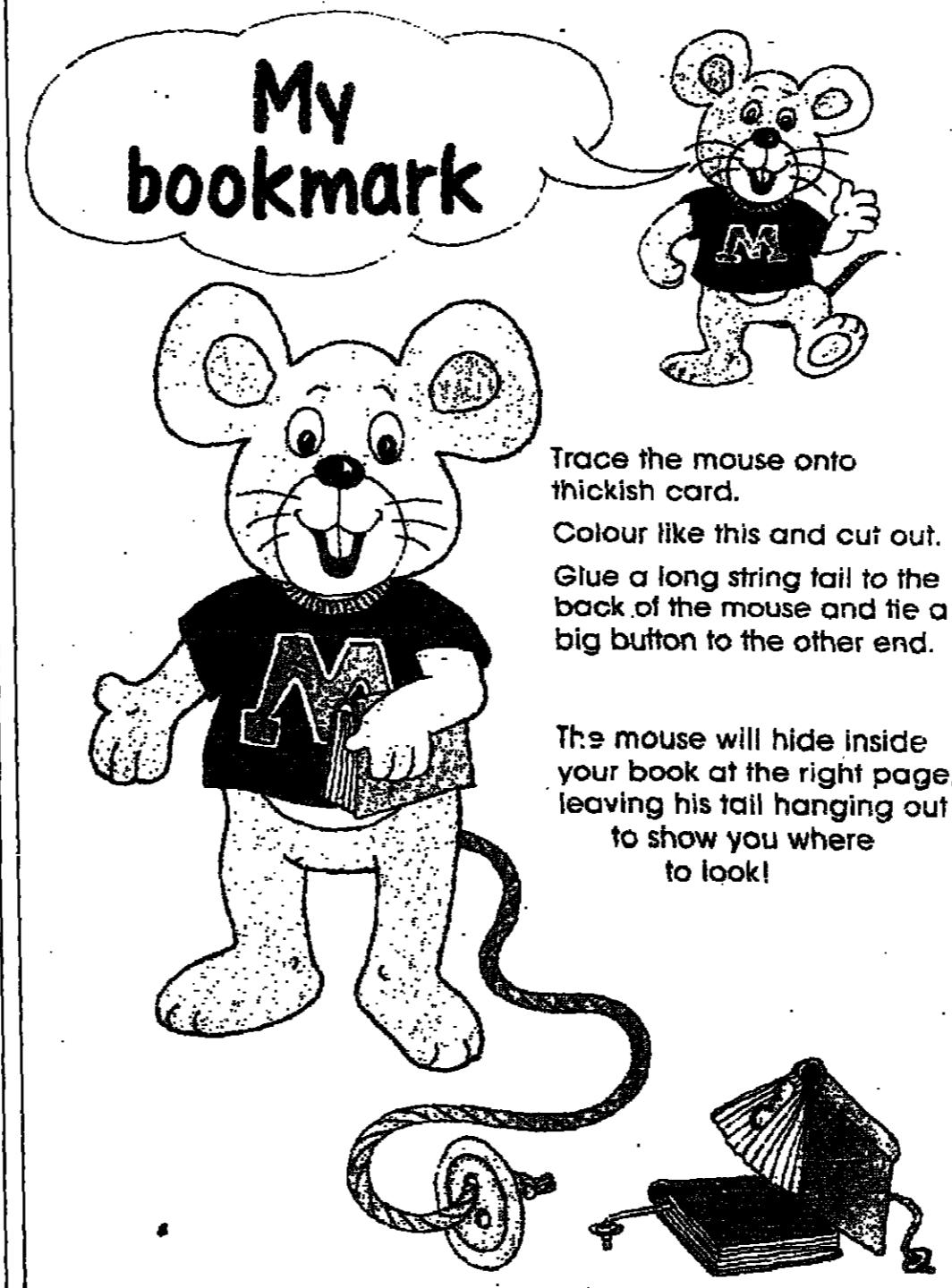
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SPORTS

Germans aim to combine teams by 1996 Games

BONN, Feb 5, (Reuters): East and West Germany are "certain" to send one combined German team to the 1996 Olympic Games, a leading East German sports official said yesterday.

"At the 1996 Olympics there is certain to be one German team," Joachim Gruenwald of the East German Sports Federation (DTSB) told the West German sports news agency Sid in an interview in East Berlin.

With plans for political unity of the two Germans picking up pace by the day, East German sports chiefs believe the two countries should move fast to merge their sporting worlds.

"Sport must send a strong social message to politics. We sportsmen can be a model," Gruenwald said referring to East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow's four-point plan for German unity announced last Thursday.

East and West Germany entered combined teams at the 1956, 1960 and 1964 Olympic Games before competing separately for the first time in 1968.

While national Olympic chiefs remain reserved, saying a single German team depends on political changes, the two states have moved forward fast with plans for joint training and events in many sports since the Berlin Wall crumbled three months ago.

Most nations will shudder at the thought of a combination of the East's efficiency at finding and nurturing talent and the West's big financial backing of sport.

Together they would certainly pose a major threat to the Soviet Union and the United States, traditionally the world's leading powers at Olympic Games.

"I think we could build very good teams in many sports," Rolf Domath, head of East Germany's leading sports science centre near Dresden, told West German radio.

Thousands of East German sports fans took to the streets of East Berlin and Potsdam at the weekend in protests against proposed cutbacks in the national sports budget which many feel will threaten the state's future success.

Rapid Vienna defeat Qatar in friendly

DOHA, Qatar, Feb 5, (AP): Rapid Vienna beat Qatar 1-0 in an exhibition match yesterday. But Qatar's goalkeeper Younes Ahmed was the hero of the hour.

It was only his stout defence against repeated strikes by the Austrian First Division team that kept the score so low.

The half-time score was 0-0 and it wasn't until the 85th minute that Heimo Pfeifenberger scored from a penalty kick.

Pfeifenberger and five other Rapid Vienna players are in the Austrian squad that will compete in the 24-nation World Cup finals in June.

The Qatari and Bahraini teams are warming up for the Arab Gulf Soccer Championship scheduled for Feb 20.

The six Gulf Co-operation Council countries — Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — plus Iraq will play in the Gulf championship.

Martin stuns Joyner-Kersee

Herold surprises O'Sullivan

FAIRFAX, Va., Feb 5, (Reuters): Jens-Peter Herold of East Germany withheld a strong charge from Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan to win the mile run at the Fairfax Grand Prix Athletics meeting.

Herold took the lead midway through the race and built a 12-metre margin to finish in three minutes, 58.96 seconds to O'Sullivan's 4:00.39.

"I didn't want to let it come down to a sprint," said Herold, the Olympic bronze medallist at 1,500 metres. "Marcus is too strong, so I had to be aggressive."

American Arthur Blake surprised his esteemed countrymen in the 60-metre hurdle, crossing in 7.51 seconds to out-due Greg Foster, Renaldo Nehemiah and Roger Kingdom.

Blake, a strong starter, left the blocks just ahead of Foster, who was second in 7.56.

Lavonna Martin of the United States upset American Jackie Joyner-Kersee in the women's 60-metre hurdles. Martin, who also beat Joyner-Kersee in the Millrose Games at New York on Friday, attributed her 7.99-second performance to her competition.

"Having Jackie in the race just makes you want to push harder," Martin said.

Romanians swept the women's distance events as Doina Melinte won the 800 in 2:00.13 minutes and Viorica Ghican captured the mile in 4:27.10.

Both runners used exceptional finishing kicks to defeat their accomplished rivals. Melinte held off East Germans Christine Wachtel and Sigrun Wodars, the Seoul Olympics gold and silver medallists.

Celtics thrash Kings

76ers outlast Bucks

MILWAUKEE, Feb 5, (AP): Derek Smith converted a three-point play with 25 seconds left and Ron Anderson made four free throws in the closing seconds yesterday as the Philadelphia 76ers held off the Milwaukee Bucks 105-102 for their 11th straight victory.

The 76ers, on their longest winning streak since 1984-85 when they won 13 straight, played with a limping Charles Barkley, who injured a groin in the first quarter but still finished with 14 points. They also lost Rick Mahorn, who was ejected with nine minutes left in the third quarter.

Pistons 115, Jazz 83

The Detroit Pistons held Utah to its lowest point total of the season yesterday, beating the Jazz 115-83 for their seventh straight victory.

The loss was only the second in 13 games for the Jazz, who dropped into a first-place tie with San Antonio in the Midwest Division. The victory increased Detroit's lead to four games over second-place Chicago in the Central Division.

Warriors 105, Timberwolves 95

Chris Mullin scored 18 points and led a second-quarter surge as Golden State won its fourth straight. Randy Bremer scored a career-high 40 points for Expan-



Kings' Danny Ainge (right) tries to pass around Reggie Lewis. (Reuters wirephoto)

sion Minnesota, which had its longest winning streak stopped at three.

Golden State, leading 31-30,

26 per cent for Minnesota. Tim Hardaway had 21 points and Mitch Richmond 20 for Golden State.

Nuggets 125, Hawks 113

Fat Lever scored 12 of his 18 points in the third quarter and Denver outscored Atlanta 19-6 to begin the second half in sending the Hawks to their fifth straight defeat.

Michael Adams had 27 points, Walter Davis 24 and Alex English 18 as Denver withstood a three-man offensive barrage by the Hawks. Dominique Wilkins scored 35 points, Moses Malone had 29 and John Long fed his season high with 20 for Atlanta.

Celtics 121, Kings 88

Kevin McHale scored 14 points and rookie Michael Smith added 10 in a 33-10 second-quarter spurt that turned a 24-19 lead after one quarter into a 57-29 bulge with 2:26 left in the second period. The Celtics made 15 of 18 shots in the second quarter.

Boston was led by McHale with 21 points and Smith and Jim Paxson with season highs of 16. The Kings were paced by Kenny Smith with 18 points.

Results

Detroit	115	Utah	85
Philadelphia	105	Milwaukee	102
Golden State	125	Minnesota	95
Denver	125	Atlanta	113
Portland	123	Sacramento	97
L.A. Lakers	121	Phoenix	121
		New Jersey	105

outscored the Timberwolves 30-10 in the second quarter. Mullin scored 10 points in the period as Golden State shot 61 per cent to



O'Meara chips out of the sand. (Reuters wirephoto)

O'Meara triumphs at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Feb 5, (Reuters): Mark O'Meara continued his great run of success in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament by taking a two-stroke victory over Kenny Perry to pocket the \$180,000 first prize.

The victory was O'Meara's second straight in the tournament and his third here in the last five years.

O'Meara shot an even-par 72 on his last tour of the Pebble Beach course to finish with a total of seven-under-par 281.

"I felt very comfortable all day," the 33-year-old O'Meara said. "I was hitting nice shots. Maybe I relaxed a little on the chip shot at the 16th hole and the tee shot at the 17th, but those probably were the only times."

Perry shot a 70 for his 283 total. PGA champion Payne Stewart, with a 73, and 1989 player of the year Tom Kite, with a 71, tied for third place at 284.

Rocco Mediate, who was one shot behind overnight leader O'Meara when the round started, dropped back into a tie for eight after a 77.

O'Meara was in command all day. He started the round with a one-shot lead and although Payne Stewart challenged late in the outgoing nine, he faltered to shoot four-over-par 40 coming in.

He had a four-stroke lead through the 15th hole but the two laps in concentration cost him bogeys on 16 and 17. O'Meara was able to maintain his lead, however, as Perry bogeyed the 17th and Stewart bogeyed the 16th and 18th holes.

In Lake Worth, Fla., Pat Bradley came back from squandering a five-stroke lead to sink a 20-foot putt on the last hole of regulation play to reach a playoff where she beat Dale Egeling on the first hole to win the \$300,000 Lake Worth Classic LPGA golf tournament yesterday.

Bradley capped her incredibly erratic day by winning her 24th LPGA title by sinking another 20 footer on the first hole of sudden death.

Bradley indicated the kind of day it would be for her when she overshot the green on the first hole and two-putted for a bogey.

Meanwhile, Barbara Mochrie, who was in second place at the start of play, made a birdie-three to cut Bradley's margin to three shots.

Bradley answered by hitting palm tree and then plowing a shot into the water on the par-five second hole for a double-bogey to cut her lead to just one stroke.

Bradley birdied the sixth hole for a two-stroke lead, but stumbled again by three-putting the par-four ninth hole for a one-stroke lead again.

Meanwhile, in the group ahead of Bradley and Mochrie, Egeling was charging hard. She had four birdies on the first 10 holes.

Bradley, for the first time in the tournament, fell back into the field by a bogey on the 14th hole to tie for the lead with Mochrie and Egeling.

Lynagh rejects \$770,000 offer

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb 5, (Reuters): Michael Lynagh, Australian Rugby Union's most prolific points scorer, rejected an estimated one million Australian dollar (\$770,000) offer to switch codes to Rugby League today.

"It was tempting, but I've still got a bit to do for rugby union yet," said the veteran of 36 internationals who has scored more than 450 points for his country.

Lynagh, who was offered a three-year contract by struggling north Sydney in New South Wales, the heartland of Australian Rugby League, said the code appealed to him.

"The two games are similar. It would be nice to see how I would go playing league and whether I could reach the same level of success as I have playing rugby (union)."

"But for now, I'm still enjoying rugby," said Lynagh, who has received several offers to switch to League in both Australia and Britain in recent years.

Queensland State Rugby Union coach John Connolly said he was relieved to learn of Lynagh's decision. "There are only a certain number of Michael Lynagh in this lifetime and we can ill-afford to lose him."

NCCT vs Pakistan Cavaliers

Cardinals overcome Giants

THE Giants suffered their first loss in the Kuwaiti Little League this season when they lost to the Cardinals on Friday.

The Cardinals were ready and Hisham Navarro started the team off with a home run in the first inning and later hit a triple and a single earning 3 RBIs for his team. Nasser Al Wogayani hit a double bringing in 1 RBI. Fahad Al Mithen was walked each time at bat, but was able to score 3 out of 4 times. Cardinals pitcher Sultan Mahrabi did a fine job for his team.

The Giants started off strong as usual, but were held in the first and fourth innings. Yacchi Issa hit a triple along with a run. Yamuna, Asasato, Watanabe, and Masahiro Nagashima. It was the defense of the Cardinals that kept the Giants from earning a tying run. The final score: Giants 9, Cardinals 10.

The Dodgers and Rangers gave their fans an exciting game especially in the first inning. Dodgers scored 4 runs in the first inning, but were held to no scores the rest of the game.

The Rangers scored 3 runs the first inning, but in the third inning Rusty Stomaugh hit a home run earning 2 RBIs. At the end of 3 innings the Rangers beat the Dodgers 8-4.

The Pirates looked strong. Waqar Hasib hit a double as did Firas Afani. Mazin Shabir hit a triple bringing Firas home. The Pirates were able to out score the Orioles 7-5.

The Mariners and Astros went at it in a fine display of baseball skills. The two Minor league teams are improving each week. It's a pitching game in the minors and the Astros managed to have enough batters walk and score. The Mariners did have some hits. Hiroaki Suzuki hit a single and a double. Nobuharu Mano hit a single, and Hisamu Abe and Ziad Sakhila were able to score for the team. The Astros won 6-2.

Results

T-Ball	Cubs	Twins	Braves	Tigers	Marlins	Astros	Blue Jays
2	31	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20	1	1	1	1			

SPORTS

BKME overwhelm Evergreen

THE Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East (BKME) moved closer to retaining the Arteson Threelap League with a crushing 45-10 win over Evergreen at the KOC Oval ground on Thursday.

BKME won the toss and elected to bat first with openers Ashfaq and Ronny Sr. These two put on 39 runs off six overs before Ronny was bowled by Asifad for 15. Ayub and Ramesh departed in quick succession scoring 1 and 2 respectively. Ashfaq at the other end displayed superb strokes, belting Amjad for a six and also hitting Zahid Butt twice over the fence. Such was Ashfaq's domination that when he was adjudged lbw off Haider at the total score of 84 his contribution was 52.

Sandeep and Sethi carried on where Ashfaq left, showing scant respect to the Evergreen bowlers. These two put on 64 runs in 8 overs with Sandeep scoring 33 with 2 fours, and Sethi contributing 32 with a six and 2 fours.

BKME at the end of 24 overs piled up 166 for 6 with James and Bastaik the not out batsmen with 13 and 5 respectively.

Evergreen began their reply with Zahid and Ashfaq. Zahid swinging his bat like a baseball bat managed to score 20 when his luck ran out with Sandeep holding on to a well-judged catch off Ronny Jr. Ashfaq fell to a Sandeep-Ronny Jr combination with Sandeep again taking a brilliant running catch. Amjad was caught at the wicket by Ashfaq off Salmi for 15 and the same due accounted for Ghulam Haider for 10, which took the fight out of Evergreen. James yorked Wagar for 6 and Evergreen were struggling at 71 for 5. BKME kept up the pressure with Tariq having Sadakat caught by Salmi for 16 and then bowled Shehzad for no score. Smart fielding by Ronny Jr ran out James for 22. Shahbaz and Asifad followed running themselves out to end Evergreen's day of misery and their innings ended at 121 with a disappointed Asifad left stranded as the other end still trying to figure out where he went wrong.

Ashfaq: hit 52

Bollig second, Dick third

Wheeler lifts Honda Trophy



The top three finishers on the victory stand. From left: Bollig, Wheeler and Dick.

DAVID WHEELER (AMP) took home the Honda Challenge Trophy after an exciting day's racing at the Ahmadi Kart Track on Friday. Second place fell to Tom Bollig (Halliburton) and third place to another new driver this season, Kieron Dick.

The Honda Challenge Trophy sponsored by Mutawa Al Kazi Company, is a handicap race, where each driver is seeded and awarded a bonus percentage, to be multiplied by their finishing position points. This meant that scorer Terry Slattery had to be handy with his calculator as well as keep a record of finishing positions. It also means that the race is open for anyone to win as coming over the line first does not mean winning. The race's top drivers were obviously therefore under some pressure to perform well if they were to be placed in the day's event.

A fair-sized crowd had turned out to grab some excitement from what was a cold, damp and overcast Friday with hot drinks doing good business in the cafeteria. The track-side marshals did a stirring job in standing out in the cold during the racing whilst some hot-blooded driving took place on the track around them.

In the first of the day's races, joint second seed Lloyd spun out on the second bend after coming off worst in a battle with Haines and Wakely on the banked bend, Lloyd managed to restart only to collide with Langer a few laps later. Bollig led the field after the first lap but was to lose it to Haines in the lap that followed.

Bollig then spun out on the fifth lap handing second place over to Friesenegger (Mahdi Habib Comm Est) with Kieron Dick stepping in to take third. On the ninth lap Haines came to grief when his engine seized and a rear sprocket holder cracked.

The lead now passed to Friesenegger, who held his position to the finish line, with Dick second in a season best performance, Wakely third and novice driver Wheeler fourth. With the addition of the bonus points system Kieron Dick led the challenge with 16.7 points followed by Friesenegger (16.1) and Wheeler (15.6).

With the final race approaching, the race started. Sandra Gardiner, the top seeded drivers, Haines and Lloyd were out of the competition for the Honda trophies. The top four places were now with Wheeler, Wakely, Bollig and Dick. Haines led after the first lap with Lloyd second but this was incidental, the race for the trophies was being decided further down the field. The decision on the placing was however not with the drivers but with their fortunes.

An unlucky Wakely was robbed of a start to the race when his chain snapped on the rolling lap which left him out of the placing for a trophy. Kieron Dick managed to complete two laps before he collided with Wheeler pushing them both out of the race. Tom Colclough in second place managed to hold off Bollig for four laps until a determined Bollig passed him on the fifth relegating Colclough to third place. Neil Gardiner, who had an unfortunate day of seizing engines and reshaping pistons with files, and Ray Washer, who suffered a bent rear axle in the first race of the day, finally got into the picture in this final race passing under the flag in fifth and sixth positions respectively.

Thus the day ended with Wheeler's unassailable total of 58.5 holding good to the end, despite a last heat collision. Tom Bollig in a final heat rush took second place with 57.5 points, and Dick, who managed to scrape enough points together in the final heat, took overall third place with 51.2 points. Tom Colclough sneaked home in fourth place followed by Lloyd, Haines, Wakely, Gardiner, Langer, Washer and bruised but not broken Friesenegger.

The Honda Challenge Trophies were presented by Honda's Mike Devey who had enjoyed a good day's racing with plenty of excitement and surprises and thanks were passed from the club to Honda for their support.

The next meeting at Ahmadi Kart Track is on Feb 16, 1990 for the next round of the Ahmadi Challenge Cup and the Kuwait National Drivers Championship. The next ladies race always a popular event, will be on Feb 23.

Jaguars take top positions at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 5. (UPI) - Jaguar drivers Davy Jones, Jan Lammers and Andy Wallace won the 24 hours of Daytona for International Motor Sports Association cars yesterday, finishing four laps ahead of teammates Peter Cobb, John Nielsen and Martin Brundle to make the English automaker the only manufacturer other than Porsche to win the race than once.

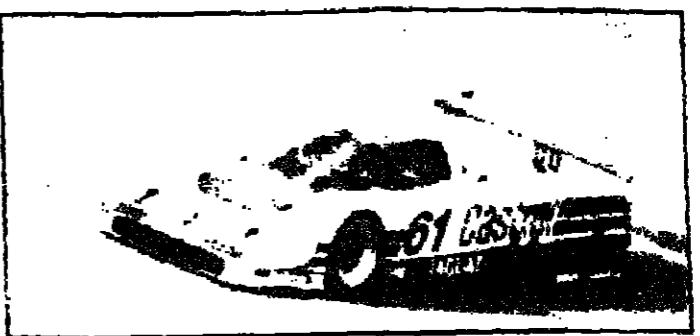
The triumph was the second in three years for the Tom Walkinshaw racing Jaguar team, as Brundle, Nielsen and Raul Boesel won in 1988 in the US debut of Jaguar's factory-backed team.

The winners completed a record 761 laps, covering 1,709.16 miles (4,359.83 km) breaking the old lap record of 753 set in 1987 by Chip Robinson, Derek Bell, AJ Holbert and AJ Unser Jr in a Porsche. The time of the race was 24 hours, 19.049 seconds, the winner's average speed was 112.857 mph (181.620 kph) and the margin of victory was four laps plus 4.115 seconds.

Finishing third was the pole-sitting Porsche 962 of Bob Wollek, Sarel van der Merwe and Dominic Dobson, which came home six laps behind the winners. Another Porsche 962, this one driven by Hans Stuck, Hurley Haywood, Rene Herzog and Harold Grohs, finished fourth.

Finishing fifth overall and first in the GTO Division was the Mercury Cougar of Robby Gordon, Calvin Fish, Robert Lippakainen and Lynn St James.

Lammers, of the Netherlands, and Wallace, of England, were part of Jaguar's winning entry in the 1988 24 hours of Le Mans along with Johnny Dumfries.



Lammers drives his Jaguar XJR-12 across the finish line to win the race (Reuter wirephoto)



First bullfight

Julio Vega 'Marismeño' holds his place for the charge of this fighting bull in the first bullfight of the season on Sunday in Valdemarillo, Spain (Reuter wirephoto)

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Nafez and Lyn win

THE Dunhill Annual Bowling Tournament was held at the 300 Bowling Club at the Bisher Al-Kazemi Towers recently. This year's event attracted many bowlers from various clubs in Kuwait. 120 bowlers from the KOC Bowling Club, various sea clubs as well as the regular 300 Club members took part in the tournament which featured an open championship for men and another for ladies. The final results were as follows:

Ladies: 1st 1084, Lyn Rayes; 2nd 1072, Nitza Al-Amer; 3rd 1066, Randa Peter; 4th 1051, Malou Tadra; High Game 21, Randa Peter; Lowest 731, Baby Militarie. Men: 1st 1505, Nafez; 2nd 1505, Anukul; 3rd 1501, Mohammad Seraj; 4th 1493, Mohammad Al-Amer; 5th 1489, Waleed Al-Zenki; 6th 1479, Nashat Mohamad; High Game 237, Waleed Al-Zenki; Lowest 941, Sadiq Al-Awadi.

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SPORTS STANDEES

SAS bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:
1st D. Mattern & B. Moussalli
2nd L. Murrhwaite & N. Akel
3rd G. Ghakoura & E. Kerasa

Yugoslav player

BELGRADE, Feb 5. (Reuter): Yugoslavia's Slobodan Zivojinovic is likely to be dropped from his country's Davis Cup squad after losing a crucial singles tie in the third seeds' 3-2 first round weekend defeat by New Zealand.

Portuguese Cup

LISBON, Feb 5. (Reuter): Bulgarian Stoychko Mladenov scored two late goals for Setubal to pitch last season's finalists Benfica out of the Portuguese Cup soccer tournament yesterday.

Norway win

VALLETTA, Malta, Feb 5. (AP): Bent Skammelsrud and Rune Tangen scored in the final three minutes yesterday as Norway rallied and beat World Cup Qualifier South Korea 3-2 in the Rothmans soccer tournament.

Goalkeeper dies

LISBON, Portugal, Feb 5. (AP): Jose Alberto Teixeira Ferreira, long-standing goalkeeper with top soccer team F.C. Porto and better known to fans as Ze Beto, died in a car crash, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported today.

Formula one

STUTTGART, West Germany, Feb 5. (AP): The West German sports car maker Porsche has signed an exclusive three-year contract with Britain's Arrows team to supply them with 12-cylinder engines beginning in 1991, the company said today.

Cubs triumph

PHOENIX, Feb 5. (AP): Ken Rudolph hit a two-run double in the bottom of the seventh and final inning to give the 1969 Chicago Cubs a 3-2 victory over Baltimore Orioles in yesterday's fifth annual dream game billed as "The World Series that never was."

Title bout

TOKYO, Feb 5. (AP): Boxing promoter Don King today promised a star-studded audience for next week's Mike Tyson-James Douglas heavyweight championship bout, but out in the stands ticket sales remain slow.

Giant Slalom

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland, Feb 5. (AP): Mateja Svec of Yugoslavia skied the two fastest heats today to win her second World Cup Giant Slalom of the season by a wide margin.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Feb 5. (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday:

Edmonton 5 Washington 4
Boston 3 Quebec 2
NY Islanders 1 Buffalo 0
Montreal C. 2 Hartford 0
NY Rangers 4 Minnesota 3
Winnipeg 7 Chicago 3
Vancouver 4 New Jersey 2

Guernsey Open

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey, Feb 5. (Reuter): World number one Susan Devon of New Zealand, competing in her first tournament in five years, the crushed England's top player Lisa Opie 9-59, 58-4 in the final of the Guernsey Open women's squash tournament yesterday.

Speed skating

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb 5. (AP): Seiko Hashimoto of Japan overtook Bonnie Blair of the United States in the last 100 metres to win the 1,000-metre event yesterday at the World Cup speed skating competition.

Bedi seeks Vengsarkar to reinforce side

New Zealand rout India



Hadlee (left) jumping with joy after taking his 400th wicket, of Sanjay Manjrekar (right). (Reuter wirephotos)

Hadlee's jump was witnessed by

India's Navjot Singh Sidhu, who

day

210 for five, needing

another 85 runs to avoid an

innings defeat.

This margin was reduced by no

more than 32 runs when Kapil Dev, who was sent on attack and took the most flagrant liberties, even with Hadlee, was dismissed.

After hitting Hadlee for a four and six, Kapil, in the same over, missed a mighty heave to leg and was leg before.

Kapil's partner, Raman, who was 89 then seemed to fear running out of partners before he reached his hundred and tried to

reached his hundred and tried to